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WEEKLY REPORT.

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This week, not only do we have an Irish Bank Holiday, but further postal delays on this side, which, at this moment, look like escalating into a National Postal strike. If you have ordered goods, please be patient, they will arrive, hopefully, sooner, rather than later. For the benefit of one or two people, the following items are out of stock/awaited....Radio Monique T-shirts, large and extra large only(expected in a few days)....Veronica postcards/stickers(as above item)....Free Radio Waves 5(arrival imminent-see enclosure)..... <TX> 6(a few more days yet)....Offshore Echos Magazine No.61(another couple of weeks)....The Charlie Wolf Laser Video(one day!)....FM and AM station lists of the British Isles(un-available at present). All the above predictions are made, assuming there will be no major postal strike.

THE CUTTINGS CLUB. Still, newspaper reports/stories remain hard to come by, nevertheless, one or two people have managed to extract a few minor items from the papers and sent them to us, for which we thank them. We have one single B4 sheet, reduced down from A3 this week and the nine items covered therein are as follows....three cuttings from the Liverpool Echo of recently, with stories about Central Radio's court case, and two reports about Radio City, Evening Herald's story about the current Dublin radio scene, Record Mirror on the London action, Manchester Evening News, a story about proposed community radio there, South London Press and stories about raids in the capital, news about community radio from North West Ireland, out of a paper called the Anglo Celt and finally a piece out of last Sunday's Sunday World about Sunshine Radio(previously used but unsuccessfully reproduced, we hope everyone will be able to read it this time). Price for this single sheet is just 10p, plus an SAE, of course, or 30p without the SAE. To join the "Cuttings Club" (now celebrating it's first successful year), "WR" subscribers can send £5.00. This will cover all cuttings for one year, irrespective of number of sheets produced, and these will be sent each week with the report. Cuttings started at Issue 50, and all back copies are available at the price listed right here each week.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Although we have no plans to carry this item regularly, we have at present, in stock, the book, "VERONICA 25 jaar toonaangevend" by Peter R. de Vries. A well produced book, slightly smaller in size than an A4, with a colour cover and 100 plus pages, in black and white, with some photos. Unfortunately, the text is all Dutch, however. Price is 17.50 Dutch Guilders plus postage, or £5.00 in the U.K.(inc P & P). Let us know if you are interested in having one, even if you only want it saving for purchase at a later date, as we shall not have them in stock regularly. No other items of merchandise this week, but we can just remind everyone about the Caroline Colour Postcards, now in stock, at 25p each, or 5 for £1.00, or 50 for £5.00(cheap enough, in fact, to send in the post!)

NEW ARRIVALS. Play-DX No. 418. Info on this weekly publication, containing large listing of recent loggings, from Dario Monferini, Via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milan, Italy. Radiotelex No. 74. Only 3 x A4 sides this time(he must be short of news, too!), all short-wave, highly recommended. We can supply just one sample copy for 40p. Thereafter, subs must be taken out with RT direct. Medium Wave News Vol. 32 No. 2. Published by Medium Wave Circle, now available. Details about this highly recommended magazine from MWC, c/o Steve Whitt, 103 Foxhall Road, Ipswich IP3 8JZ. Now Radio Newsletter Issue 3, May 30th. Published by Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 0NW, Tel: (0536) 514437. Well worth checking out. more than interesting contents.

CONTACTS GALORE. The column which puts Anoraks in touch with Anoraks! Richard G. Teversham, 10 Bromyard Crescent, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth PO6 3SP wishes to make contact with someone in Essex who can record him some Essex Radio(!) in FM. Mark Burrell, 93 Knollys Road, Streatham Hill, London SW16 2JP wishes to contact a female Anorak(it isn't a dating service!). Alan of Edinburgh wishes to make contact with others, he likes Caroline Overdrive and can be contacted at (031) 229 3655. Mike Kerslake, former Offshore Echos Editor, would be pleased to make contact with others in the Sheffield/Chesterfield/Doncaster area(particularly Pat Travers). Drop him a line at 31 Portland St., Worksop, Notts. S80 1RZ.

GENERAL CHAT. Surprise, surprise, a little Sporadic 'E' this week. Thanks to Brian in Dungannon for the alarm. It appeared late on Thursday and the 'lift' stayed, in this area, until about tea-time Friday. We just enjoyed the good FM from Ireland. People in the South East would no doubt, enjoy the FM from the Continent. Additionally, Italian private stations were logged in some areas and Spanish television was watched in others. Just a start, but lots to come, hopefully. When to look out for 'Sporadic 'E'....usually late afternoon, after a hot day on the continent, with thunder about. What to expect to hear.....the Continent, anywhere from Spain across to Yugoslavia and beyond, on FM(and on TV too). Special equipment needed....none, just a radio set and tune to the FM band, you won't even need an aerial, although it does help. You will need patience though, plenty, as one station fades,

very often another takes it's place, before an ID can be made. There are many exceptions to the above rules, just give it a try. Paul Rowlinson writes and tells us that on 24th May, last Saturday, he turned on Radio Caroline at 10.43 and heard the end of an extract of Laser being played by John Lewis to commemorate Laser's birthday(they would have been two years old). He was disappointed to have missed it and wonders if any reader may have a tape of it. Mike Kerslake(address in previous column) has the following for sale....Realistic 5 Channel Stereo Mixer, with cue/pre-fade listen, complete with power mains supply, in very good condition(similar to mixer used by ABC Waterford in their production studio). £50 including postage and packing(UK/Eire).

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. For about the first time this year, FM conditions suddenly improved dramatically on Thursday night, and this 'lift' lasted until about tea-time on Friday. As a result, a number of the Irish pirates were logged here in Blackpool. Sunshine Radio on 100.5 and 101.5, Q 102 on 103.5 and 102.1, and Energy on 103.0mhz.(despite Piccadilly on 103mhz also). All the above were received in stereo. In addition, the following were received in mono....Radio Dublin on 105.0(with poor audio), KISS FM on 104.1, Boyneside Radio on 100.1(splattering along the band rather a lot, even at this great distance), North Dublin Community Radio on 99.95, Treble T.R. on 99.5mhz. Quite a pleasant change to listen to Irish FM, it has been so long since the last 'lift'. On to general station news now, again, in no particular order at all, apart from one town/city at a time.

MID-WEST RADIO. Occasionally received here on 1332khz., this Ballyhaunis station was heard announcing 97.45mhz., locally, in the week. This is slightly down from the previous frequency of 98.4mhz.

CITY SOUND RADIO. We are never sure if this station is in the right category or not. It should be classed as land-based, but the transmitter is definitely in the South, whilst the station operates from Derry, Northern Ireland. So, today, we have classed it right here. They had been missing for a month or more, until early last week, when RTE appeared on 98.2mhz., the former CSR channel, obviously relayed. On Wednesday night last, announcements were made to the effect that test transmissions were in progress. The following morning, normal programmes resumed and an announcement was heard locally, stating that a medium wave service would commence in about 10 days time, on 1565khz(!).

WLS MUSIC RADIO, Galway. No news at all from this quarter. Is there still some life in Galway?

WBEN, Cork continue to make the news. Tests were carried out on medium wave, last Thursday night/Friday morning, on 1566khz. However, due to interference from Radio Caroline Cork, a change of channel was made, to 1485khz., and as far as we know, this is still in operation. Current FM frequency is 98.2mhz., and the station address is WBEN, 4 Cook Street, Cork City.

Longford Community Radio. As reported previously, this station

is back on the air, on 1071kHz. Adverts from far and wide are heard on this one, despite it's only moderate output power. Advertisers in the following counties have now been noted....Longford, Cavan, Leitrim, Roscommon, Sligo and Fermanagh. This station is Longford's only one at present, although the former Central Radio transmitter, relays Breffni Community Radio on 1035kHz. However, plans are well advanced, we understand, with regard to the setting up of Independent Radio Longford. Proposed frequency is 'Stereo 99'.

Athlone Local Radio ceased transmissions last Monday night, 26th May, at 20.30, without any word or warning over the airwaves. The transmitter was immediately turned off. Pre-recorded programmes of non-stop music, with occasional ID voice-overs by station owner, Basil Hendricks, had been aired since 15.00 that same day.

Breffni Community Radio. Along with a number of other stations, Breffni are running the "Napper Tandy Competition". Napper Tandy are a popular Irish folk group and has sent these stations a tape of four songs to play. Listeners are asked to write in with their favourite and eventually, the winning song will be issued as their latest single. Apparently, the station is receiving a great amount of mail for this. Presenters are still being sought for the reopening of Central Radio and the opening of an opt-out service in Navan.(From Fordstown and not Bohermeen as previously reported). Some disruptions to the 1170kHz. service were noted in the storms of last weekend, but repairs to the transmitting mast have been carried out and the signal is once again back to normal. Quite a lot of adverts are noted on this station and it is understood that enquiries about advertising on the new Navan service are being received already. The current, if fairly extensive, line-up of this station is at hand. Hopefully, space permitting, we will re-print same on back page of this report. Failing space not being available, copies can be supplied free of charge on application, to be included with the next report.

Radio West. Their current holiday 'giveaway' continues with the usual three tunes to be played one after the other, 'back to back'. The 25th caller will win £1,000 worth of holidays. "Pub Cabaret", advertising entertainment in pubs and lounges is now broadcast on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 11.30, 17.30 and 19.30. The station's free radio show can be heard each Sunday from 11.00 till 12.00 BST. The programme is quite unique in that it is un-scripted and everything is done ad lib. Listeners and other stations are invited to join in by telephoning or writing in to Radio West at Patrick Street, Mullingar, Tel:(044) 41694. Link-ups with other stations often feature and next week, all being well, a link with WKLR in Bandon, Co. Cork should be made.

Mid-Way Radio. Still in Mullingar, this new outfit appears to have a bit more power than it started with. Some commercials have been noted, along with a promo inviting businesses to try advertising with the station. Presenters on the air include Colm Mac and Dave Murphy(both, ex-West), Terry Martin and also Gerry Connell(ex-Erneside and West). Also heard recently was Jason Ross, ex Athlone Local Radio presenter. The station is advertising itself as a station with a country and Irish format, but some pop and MOR is certainly creeping in at times. Frequency is 1494kHz.AM and 104.7mhz.FM. **KISS-FM** in Dublin, send us their latest line-up, it reads.....

07.00 - 11.00 Colm Mooney(weekdays)...Barry Davis(Saturday and Sunday)
11.00 - 15.00 Richard Cook(from U.K.)...Joe Harte(Sat.)...Colm Mooney/Brian Whelan(Sun.).
15.00 - 19.00 David Baker(weekdays)...Mike Reid(Sat.)...Brian Whelan/Bobbie Howard(Sun.).
19.00 - 23.00 Joe Harte(w/days)..Gary Matthews(Fri)..John Dunne(Sat.)..George Scott(Sun.).
23.00 - 07.00 Rory Rawson(w/days)..Declan Dempsey/Tony Grant(Fri)..Tony Grant(Sat/Sun.).

Current frequencies....94.8/104.1mhz.FM and 1116kHz.AM, all locally.

Energy 103. Not a lot to report here this week, except that fans of Motown records would have been pleased to hear them announce "Energy, your Motown station" and hear at least two Motown classics each hour, all week. This feature may well have appeared to co-incide with the Tamla Motown anniversary about this time. Next Monday(their Bank holiday) every other record will feature a golden oldie....always a popular feature.

On Tuesday last at around 10.00, during severe storm conditions on both sides of the Irish Sea, problems occurred,

possibly with the link transmitter, causing the medium wave signal to disappear, although the transmitter was still on the air. On closer listening, a mixture of **Q 102** and the National Irish speaking service, Radio Na Gael Tachta, was heard coming through on 738kHz. This lasted for a short time, until the link was restored and Energy was once again heard.

Sunshine Radio. Reports from Southampton of good reception of this station on 531kHz. are at hand. Talking about reception, we suddenly find, on tuning to FM yesterday, Sunshine appearing on three channels, 100.5, 101.0 and 100.5mhz. The middle one being the new arrival. We have no further details about this as yet, but can confirm that it has been received over a very wide area, suggesting quite a high powered transmitter.

WLCB in Wicklow, seem to be off the air with their 1602kHz transmitter. No further details are at hand, but the station has been noted missing for a few days now.

Community Radio Sandymount, the festival station for this area in Dublin has now closed down.

Borderline Radio and Monaghan Festival Radio, both festival stations in Co. Monaghan are still on the air, on 1395kHz. and 1404kHz. respec., despite Radio West doubting the former's existence. Strange to note that three of the four radio stations in Co. Monaghan are on adjacent channels, the above two, then **Big 'M'** on 1413kHz. We wonder if they cause any interference to each other.

Tipperary Community Radio recently celebrated five years on the air. Some type of hand-out has been produced, we understand. We are making enquiries about same.

Centre Radio in Clonmel are reported back on the air, on 1251kHz., although not receivable here in Blackpool, due to other activity on the same channel. FM 101mhz., also.

Slaneyside Hospital Radio has been reported by a correspondent of Radio West's, on approx. 102.3mhz. We have no details at present, but hope that colleagues at Riverside Radio(Short-wave) may be able to throw some light on this one.

In Dublin, our reporters tell us that the following have been noted locally over the past few days.....**Z - 105**(formerly BFBS and Caroline Dublin) on 98.5mhz.(!), **Charisma** on 98.1mhz., **Musik 105** on 105.6mhz., **Radio Amanda** on 92.0mhz., **KFM** on 106.2mhz., **Hospital Radio** on 97.2mhz.

ITALIAN STATIONS.

RIVIERA 104. Thanks to Dave Windsor returning for a second stint at this station, we can now supply regular up-dates, once again. The station is situated in Italy and can be contacted at this address....Piazza d'Armi 12, Camporosso Mare, 18030 Imperia, Italy. Current line-up is 06.00 Dave Windsor. 09.30 Daevid Fortune(ex VOP). 13.00 Jim Hicks(leaving shortly, to be replaced by Richard James) 16.30 Alton Andrews(ex Caroline) 20.00 Lawrence John(ex Nova and Q 102 in Dublin), except on Friday, Chris Barry(ex Nova Dublin). Chris did his first show on Riviera last week but one, on Friday 23rd May. Saturday and Sunday staff change around with a new look Riviera Report programme, with Richard Astbury, from 09.30 till 13.00 on Sundays. LJ is now in charge of music, in place of Paul James who left at the end of April. Pete Twist is in charge of production and also does the 09.30 till 13.00 slot on Saturdays. The station also has a new managing director called Richard Yonge, who hails from New Zealand, having put Radio Pacific, a news/phone-in station, on the map. Riviera plans to go stereo very shortly, with a relay going out via a Radio Monte Carlo transmitter, on 106.5mhz., currently(25th May) putting out a stereo signal and relaying Riviera's 104.1mhz programmes in mono, further down the coast towards St. Tropez. The station is currently buying a lot of new equipment, including ILR-type decks, cart machines and microphone. A new communications receiver has been installed in the studio in order to receive BBC World Service, for the news and sports desk. Richard Astbury reads news during the Dave Windsor programme, whilst Dave deals with the sports news. Also, recently appearing, was the first of a number of International reports that are to come, live by telephone, from Sydney.

RADIO NOVA - ITALY. Yet another let-down from this station, who failed to commence regular programmes, as expected(and reported), on 1st May. Nevertheless, they play marvellous music on 101.2mhz.FM, in stereo, 24 hours per day, with ID's in German, Italian and English.

105 MILAN. Grant Benson(ex Caroline) can still be heard on this successful station, although recently has been taking a break in Holland.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Yet more word from this station, this time from Keith Lewis, who sends the latest line-up..... 06.00 Breakfast with Dave Shearer. 09.00 Morning Show with

Chris(the boy) Pearson. 12.00 Happy Hour with Keith Lewis. 13.00 Heart to Heart(phone-in, with Abie Nathan). 15.00 Kassach. 16.00 Drive-Time with Greg Fairlie. 18.00 Twilight Time with Ray Sarsfield. 7.30 Classical. 21.00 Russian Hour. 22.00 Specialist with Keith Lewis. (Sunday-Soul....Monday-Rock....Tuesday-Top 40....Wednesday-Country....Thursday-Rock....Friday-Disco). 00.00 Late Night Affair with Richard(Trickie Dickie) Staines. 03.00 Night-Beat with Ray Sarsfield.

Recently left, Pete Jeffries is about to be replaced by Rob Charles(ex Radio West in Mullingar and KFM in Manchester).



"STEREO WOTSITS" Anyone tuned to Media Network with Jonathon Marks last Thursday need not read on, as the following has been taken directly from that programme. It featured a report from a Trevor Brooks(who recently went on board the Communicator and sent a similar report), who took a trip to Spain, to Santander, in fact, reputed port of the famous 'Nannell' vessel. Trevor stated that from his hotel balcony, he could see a ship anchored about 500 yards out in the bay, fitting the description of the aforementioned ship. On closer looking, from the quay-side, he confirmed it was in fact this ship, although no port of registry seemed to be painted on the back of the vessel. The previous port of registration had been painted out. People could be seen moving about on deck and sections of square lattice mast(similar to that on the late Mi Amigo) were already in place. A small launch was seen to leave the ship, and on docking at the quay, Trevor questioned the occupant, a cockney, about what was happening out there. He seemed as if he did not wish to talk about anything, but did say that broadcasting equipment was on the ship, although they were not allowed to touch it. He mentioned backers in the USA and the Spanish authorities, but was otherwise rather un-co-operative and appeared to be quite tired of the whole episode. When asked how long the ship had been there, he replied "too long".

AIR RAID TAPES have asked us to point out that this quite lengthy report is featured on a tape, along with other DX news/programmes, available for £2.50 from them.(P.O. Box 539 etc.). Please request tape "Stereo Hits/Media Network".

THE COMMUNICATOR. No news from this quarter this week.

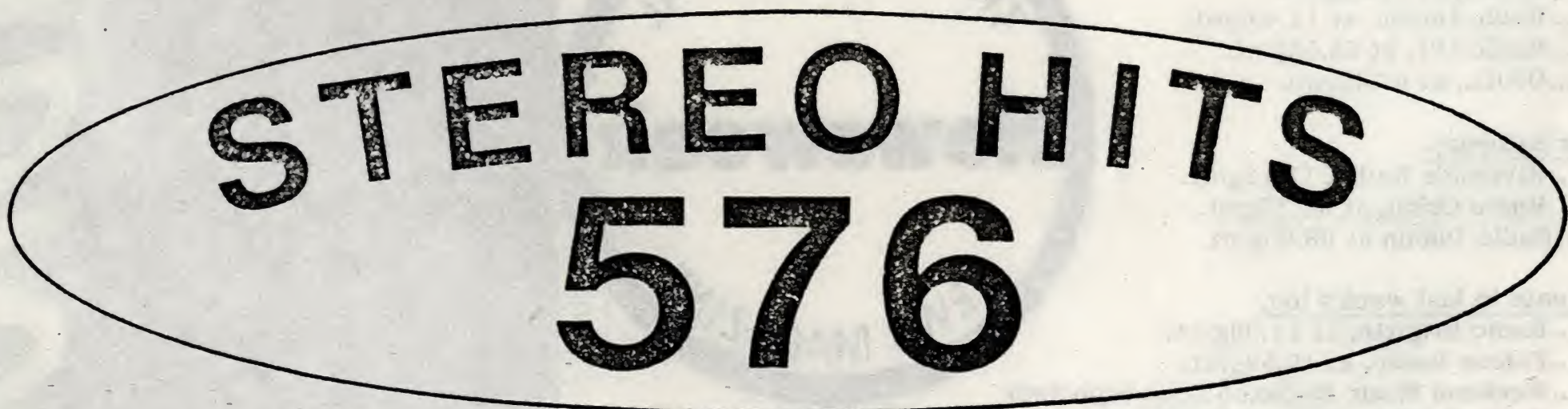
RADIO CAROLINE. The line-up on the station remained fairly stable all week, with minor changes only being noted between 09.00 and 13.00(presenters changing shows). A change of staff had to be imminent, but it was not until 17.00 on Saturday that a new voice was heard, none other than Liverpool's John Dwyar, no stranger to the Sea or pirate stations. John has featured rather a lot in "WR". His most recent position was at Radio West in Mullingar, Ireland. Before this he did two stints on the Voice of Peace, and helped run various stations in Liverpool, his most successful being MAR(Merseyland Alternative Radio). Prior to all this John did a short spell on Radio Atlantis from the Jeanine in 1974. John's name can be seen along with quite a number of known names on page 17 of Gerry Bishop's Offshore Radio book, a copy of which should be in everyone's collection. John's first show on the Ross was very good, and he, himself said at the end, that he had enjoyed it, which is unusual with first appearances. John introduced Andy 'Cosmic' Johnson at the end of his show, but reports in today, indicated that Ian Akers had been heard later 'playing continuous music'. It does not appear at this stage, that any staff have left the ship, although calm seas today, may well see some further comings and goings. According to CM's Info-line at Reigate, Mike Barrington celebrates one year on the ship, today, without any shore leave. Is this a record? (except for Raffles, of course). Earlier in the day(Saturday), Dutch visitors were noted on the ship, and at 10.30 and 11.30, during the John Lewis show, a Dutch girl was heard reading the weather forecast and introducing the next record. John was also heard playing a VOP jingle, as this station were celebrating thirteen years on the air, this day. In the early hours of Saturday, following the Andy Johnson show, a live, Barclay James Harvest concert was aired. The station appeared to continue after this show, until 05.00, when the next day's shows commenced. They also mentioned a Fleetwood Mac Concert for Saturday night, but on tuning after 01.00, both 558 and 963 had left the air.

CAROLINE OVERDRIVE. Mark Matthews and Nigel Roberts were heard hosting this side, all week, although on Thursday and Friday, Bagwan's show was shortened to three hours and finished at mid-night. On Saturday night, Mark Matthews hosted the full four hours, till close-down at 01.00.

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LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves returned, apparently late Sunday night last. However, we did not log them here until Monday lunch-time with continuous music, followed shortly later by normal programmes. According to usually well informed sources, the station has been having location problems. The station once again, appeared, but not until late Saturday morning, and again late Sunday morning, with a lower signal reading here than usual. Normal programmes still seem to be going out, as this report is written (Sunday afternoon). Frequency is 1242kHz., as always.

According to Tim Jackson, in his report for last week, the following appeared on air....S.O. International on 103.6mhz., Radio Julie on 104.85mhz., Concept Radio on 104.4mhz.

On 22nd May, a station calling itself "Slag Off International" was noted locally on 103.6mhz., which is obviously the same as Tim Jackson reports as S.O. Int. The d.j. heard was Mike Hughes and although modulation was reported as being fair, the contents of the show were anything but! A pirate station report was read out, following which the d.j. proceeded to pull apart the other pirate stations currently on air (hence the name of the station, we guess). All stations came in for attack, except South Wirral Radio, who had obviously not been logged by the presenter. No further details are known about this controversial station.

MIDLANDS. PCRL are still plodding away, daily, 24 hours, on 103.6ish. **U.K. Radio** were logged locally last Sunday from 20.30 to 01.00 and again on Monday from 11.00 to 01.00 on 105mhz. They were also on 6235kHz., relayed by Radio Orion, last Bank Holiday Monday.

GLASGOW. Radio Mercury appeared at 12.15 today and advertises an extra hour, until 17.00, but at 14.00 experienced some problems which put them off the air. We are not sure if they returned or not. Frequency 97.5mhz.

BLACKPOOL. Radio Sunshine was logged both Saturday and Sunday this weekend, on the new frequency of 97.65mhz.

NORTH WALES. Radio Annabelle was on the air on Thursday 22nd May from 20.00 till 22.00 on 92.4mhz. The station was no doubt on the air Sundays also, but as yet, we have no word from there.

THE SOUTH. Last Sunday, 25th May, the following were logged... 92.1mhz., LWR, 93.0mhz., Alice's Restaurant, 95.3mhz., KISS FM, 100.6mhz., The People's Choice.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS...Today's log...

6201kHz...MNBC Radio(Dutch) at 11.58gmt.
6201kHz...Radio Marabu, at 12.01gmt.
6205kHz...FRS Holland, at 08.25gmt.(via Delmare?).
6210kHz...Riverside Radio Int., at 09.42gmt.
6224kHz...Falcon Radio, at 11.40gmt.
6224kHz...4FWS, at 12.12gmt.
6230kHz...Radio East Coast Comm., at 11.33gmt.
6240kHz...Radio Rainbow Int., at 09.05gmt.
6240kHz...Northside Mobile(QSO), 12.10gmt.
6258kHz...Super Clan Radio, at 08.15gmt.
6261kHz...Radio Skywave Int., at 09.38gmt.
6266kHz...Radio Orion, at 12.05gmt.
6275kHz...Falcon Radio, at 09.50gmt.
6280kHz...Westside Radio at 12.10gmt.
6284kHz...UNID., (London accented announcer), at 09.07gmt.
6290kHz...UNID., at 09.50gmt.
6294kHz...Radio Stella, at 11.47gmt., with tests.
6294kHz...Weekend Music Radio, at 12.05gmt.(QSO).
6299kHz...Radio Normal(Dutch), at 08.50gmt.
6310kHz...Radio Ireland, at 10.03gmt.
6399kHz...UNID., (Valleri), at 11.50gmt.
6625kHz...UNID., at 11.30gmt.
6910kHz...Radio Dublin, at 11.43gmt.
7325kHz...Radio 101, at 08.53gmt.
7439kHz...UNID., at 09.45gmt.

LOGS for Saturday.

6210kHz...Riverside Radio, 11.12gmt.
6240kHz...Radio Orion, at 09.37gmt.
6910kHz...Radio Dublin at 08.00gmt.

Amendments to last week's log.

6300kHz...Radio Brigitte, at 11.00gmt.
6205kHz...Falcon Radio, at 10.59gmt.
6290kHz...Weekend Music Radio(no time reported).
6306kHz...Radio R.I.D.icious, at 10.09gmt.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY LOG.

6221kHz...Radio Kristal, at 08.28gmt.
6240kHz...People's Choice, at 11.28gmt.
6285kHz...Shamrock Radio Int., at 10.58gmt.
6290kHz...Coutryside Radio, at 10.01gmt.

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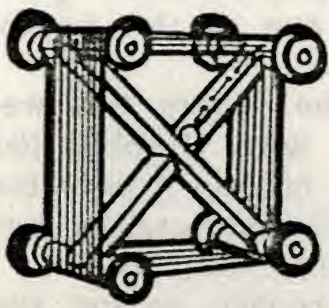
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It seems that everything has returned to normal, as regards the post, although some delays have been noticed with in-coming mail, and no doubt, with out-going mail also. There is not a lot we can do about this, only be patient, until things are running smoothly again.

THE CUTTINGS CLUB. At long last, newspaper reports a-plenty, and not before time too! This week, we have managed 2 x B4 sheets, both reduced down from A3, crammed with reports from the press of recent days, including.... a full page from Dublin's Evening Herald about the independent stations there, amidst all the current talk of licences(not again!), two smaller pieces from the Irish Independent about the Government's plans, still in Ireland and still with the Herald for the coverage given to Tony Lumsden as he breaks the D.J.-ing record, The Cork Evening Echo's story about ERI and their link with local brewery giants, Murphy's and finally there, a smaller piece about Tony Allan's current whereabouts. From English papers, EADT's small story about ex-Laser Captain, Paternoster, about to be prosecuted under the MOA, 'Laser Roadshow back!', from Maidstone Extra, 'new pop ship' from Ipswich Evening Star. Liverpool Daily Post's report on recent court case there, against Central Radio and finally a big piece from last Sunday's Times about the IBA coming under fire. Quite a good selection for a change, and something to interest everyone, we feel sure. Price is just 20p plus an SAE(40p if no SAE included). To avoid sending for cuttings each week, Weekly Report subscribers(only) can send £5.00, and this will cover all cuttings for a whole year, irrespective of number of sheets each week. These will be posted along with the "WR". We can supply all back cuttings as far back as issue 50, at the price quoted right here each week. Since we started "CC" at issue 50, we have accumulated 111 x B4 sheets of cuttings. We can offer these at a special price of £10.00 for the lot. Of course, you may well have bought copies of certain week's cuttings, in which case, deduct 20p for each week you have cuttings(not forgetting to tell us which weeks they are, of course. You may back-date your subscriptions if you wish. but no further back than Issue 83.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Free Radio Waves, No. 5 is out now, and what a super issue! 36 pages, packed with news, stories, interviews and reports on the Waves team's recent two months in the States. If you miss this one, you really are missing a first class, well laid-out and printed, magazine. You can order from us, here, or direct from Simon at FRW headquarters(for address, see last week's hand-out). Price is just 80p., inc. postage and packing. Please note: If you are ordering other items from FRW(tapes or catalogues etc.), you must order them from FRW direct, as we only distribute the magazine. Further note: All back copies are still available, but only from the Blackpool address.(80p each). Hopefully, the above should not be too confusing.

This is the only new merchandise this week, but just a couple of points....the book, 'Caroline II, A Story In Photos' is currently out of stock. Further supplies are on order from the publisher, but, as he is in Holland, delays are usually inevitable. Finally, don't forget the excellent Caroline Postcards, only £5.00 for 50. Don't miss out on yours.

NEW ARRIVALS. Last week, we mentioned the very interesting **Now Radio Newsletter**(issue 3). This new publication is coming along in leaps and bounds and we have just had word of a special offer....Subscribers to Weekly Report can avail themselves of the next issue(No. 4), due some time this week, for just £1.00, inclusive of postage and packing(this is half the normal price of single issues). The magazine is excellently laid out by word processor and well presented, with between 20 and 30 x A4 pages of news and views from a different angle. Take up this special offer, it makes very interesting reading. Recommended, from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, NN16 ONW. **Media Monitor, Issue 31**, now available from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA for 50p(sample copy). **Play-DX, Issue 419**, available from Dario Monferini, Via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy. Mostly in Italian, but unrivalled for logs. For details, enclose two IRC's. **CLCG Magazin, Issue 106**, available from CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany. In German. For details, enclose 2 IRC's. **BRS Free Radio Sales** catalogue arrived in the week. About 30 pages of A4 containing lots of items to buy. Centred on the capital, the catalogue is extremely interesting and costs just 35p, although this is deductible on first purchase. Address...."Glenburn" Cardigan Road, London SW13 OBH.

CONTACTS GALORE. Your chance to get in touch with someone as daft as you! (Only joking, of course). John Cross, of 'Byways' Sandy Lane, Wattisfield, Diss, Norfolk IP22 1NE wishes to contact any local Anoraks to write/swap info or recordings etc.....Alan Atkinson of 'Oakdene', Warren Road, Hopton, Norfolk has a good recording of the Sport Aid(outside

broadcast from the deck of the Ross Revenge), on tape, about 30 minutes or so, he tells us. Drop him a line if you want a copy....Kevin in Dublin would like to hear from anyone wishing to be a disc-jockey on a new station starting mid-June. If so, call him on Dublin 880572.....In Manchester now, and anyone there, interested in being a D.J. and becoming involved in a little piracy, write to David Bellis, 98 Falcon Crescent, Clifton, Swinton, Manchester M27 2JW.

ADVERTS SECTION(keep 'em brief!).....U.K. Radio station wishes to buy airtime on Irish S.W. transmitter(200w. min.), on a permanent weekly basis. Write to Dept. REI, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool FY1 4RE.

Volunteers required to help clean up former pirate radio ship, preferably living local(Harwich area), with own transport and having some sort of trade(painter, joiner etc.)...generator engineer also required....contact EAP on 02556 6252, anytime.

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OFFSHORE ECHO'S SUBSCRIPTIONS. Did you receive Offshore Echo's No. 60? A number of readers with subscriptions didn't, due to a mix up at the office in France, for which we apologise. In order to ensure that this does not happen again, our subscription lists and forms have been revised and clarified. If you have not yet received Issue 60, please let us know at once.....OFFSHORE ECHO'S MAGAZINE, P.O. BOX 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE.

GENERAL CHAT. Not much this week, or there will be no room for news....We were taken to task over the vagueness of the Sporadic 'E'/FM 'lift' mention of last week. One or two of our readers are known experts on this phenomena and we feel sure that they will put pen to paper and write a few paragraphs on this most interesting subject. We still have plans to offer/circulate "English speaking DX programmes, audible in the U.K", also "AM and FM stations of the British Isles" at some future time, possibly in conjunction with an associate organisation. Watch these columns for further details. Irish station lists are always available from us, but due to the ever changing scene, some minor details tend to be neglected from time to time, although, every so often, we do have a purge and really get them 'spot on'(albeit, only for a few hours).

RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. (Again, in no particular order, other than one town/city at a time).

WLS MUSIC RADIO in Galway. Absolutely no news, apart from word from a colleague who tells us that the station is alright and thriving, apart from having the usual problem with telephones. The colleague goes on to mention a second station operating from this city, although does not know the name, but thinks it may be located in the premises formerly occupied by Atlantic Sound. We eagerly await further reports and look to Radio West's free radio show to try and arouse life there.

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO. The station normally operates from 07.00 till close-down at 00.00. However, last Sunday morning, following normal close-down at mid-night, non-stop country music, interspersed with jingles, was noted, and again on Monday morning, the same. Perhaps CCR are trying to determine whether there is sufficient audience at this time of night, for music programmes. Also, during a spell of listening to this station during the week, AM and FM were announced, although only AM has been in operation for a long time there. Have they introduced FM again? Only known freq...819khz.

ERNESIDE COMMUNITY RADIO. This station, broadcasting from Belturbet, on the border, in Cavan, on 1251khz. AM, has been monitored recently and they appear to be in the habit of leaving the carrier on overnight. They broadcast daily from 08.00 till 00.00. A full programme schedule will be printed shortly.

BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO. A significant increase in commercials noted here, including adverts for Mosney Holiday Centre in Co. Meath(also heard on Boyneside and Q 102). In conjunction with the holiday centre, BCR are running a competition, with day trips there, as prizes. The station's 95.6mhz.FM and 1035khz relay were off last Bank Holiday Monday, due to the FM tuner which picks up the link, drifting. This was rectified later in the day. 1170khz. is the main channel.

BOYNESIDE RADIO. The Kells relay has been noted as being off for spells rather a lot lately, both 1323khz. and 98.1mhz., otherwise, everything seems to be running normally, with the Boyneside Bingo now in progress, and prizes of £900 per week, being given away. The main Drogheda FM, on 100.1mhz. can be received on most days in Blackpool, in addition of course, to AM, on 1305, 1323 and 1233khz. Apparently, the Northern Ireland relay on 1233khz., is being received in Belfast, we are told, on 101.2mhz., although struggling a bit in the actual city centre, as happens in most city centres.

INDEPENDENT RADIO LONGFORD seems to have made it on the air, as a station on 99.0mhz., was heard in the town last Monday afternoon.

RADIO MIDWAY. This is the newer of the two stations in Mullingar(see advert for same, along with all details on back page). They operate from a Portakabin in O'Brien's Garage. The Portakabin is divided into four rooms...studio, library, production and reception. All D.J.'s are ex-Radio West and the current weekday line-up reads....08.00 Gerry Connell. 11.30 Dave Murphy. 14.00 Mike Young. 17.00 Terry Martin. 18.00 Traditional Show with Dave Murphy/Colm Mac. 19.00 (Mon/Wed/Fri) King's Country with Martin King. (Tues/Thurs) American Country with Steve Jones.....News...Ann Dwyer.

RADIO WEST. Mention has been made of a further FM relay in Kildare. Possibly this is the transmitter which Captain West has been offering for sale during the free radio programme. It is possibly also the same transmitter which was on 102.3mhz., just over two years ago, which was receivable in Blackpool on many occasions. This is before the days of 'Stereo 99'.

The station had hoped to do a live link-up with WKLR in Bandon today, on the free radio programme, however, this did not take place as communications between the two did not seem to be very good. However, we have had word from that station this week, so we will give them a mention. Captain West is trying to get Heady Eddie to do a link-up with them one Sunday.

WKLR(West Cork Local Radio), currently broadcasting on FM only, 100 and 98mhz., are apparently doing quite well at the moment, judging by the number of adverts heard. There are a few staff changes, notably on the Breakfast Show, Gary Gibson being replaced by Martin Murphy, following a disagreement with the management, and then being replaced by Roger Greg within a week. The current line-up reads(weekdays).... 07.00 Roger Greg. 11.00 John Green. 15.00 Paul Sheehan. 19.00 till 07.00 Pre-recorded.

(Saturdays)....10.00 Con McCarthy. 14.00 John Green. 18.00 Roxy John. 21.00 Pre-recorded.

(Sundays)....08.00 Golden Oldies with Con McCarthy. 10.00 Irish Show with Ian Andrews. 14.00 Country Show with Gerry Black. 18.00 Pre-recorded.

WRKY in Killarney seems to have been in the news of late, according to reports(we have no newspapers yet). They apparently raised many thousands of pounds with 'Sport Aid', only to see it disappear, along with one of the members of the staff. No further news on this, as yet.

RADIO ERI. This outfit has made the papers this week(see cuttings) by doing a Roadshow deal with Murphys Brewers, although not actually advertising. This has upset both the NUJ and RTE, resulting in RTE blacking all radio and TV coverage of events sponsored by Heineken, owners of Murphys.

WBEN. Not much news apart from reports saying that the AM service on 1485khz., is soon to be moved elsewhere along the band. Maybe 1188khz. could be the answer for them. RTE used to use it, but moved to 1278khz., then another Cork pirate used it, but it is possibly free now.

SUNSHINE RADIO(Cork). Apparently this station is still alive, but only broadcasts on Sundays. Frequency is not known.

COMMUNITY RADIO YOUGHAL. A rarely mentioned station in these reports, they used to be heard at night in the U.K., on 1512khz., but when they moved to 1485khz., this was no longer possible, due to U.K. activity on the channel. At times the station used to change frequency at night and this may still take place, as reports in suggest CRY were heard on 1503khz. FM frequency is usually 99.2mhz.

ABC RADIO in Waterford now have four FM relays, to Waterford(100.8), Tramore(103.1), Dungarvan(88.4?) and New Ross(99.4mhz.). The AM transmitter is still located on a hill in Tramore, over-looking the bay and can be heard over a very wide area, on 1026khz. Audio quality on this station is well above average.

WATERFORD LOCAL RADIO. No news, but just to say that this station can be received here in Blackpool and also in Preston(and doubtless elsewhere also), on 1197khz., during daylight hours.

WLCB in Wicklow are still off AM, although can be heard in the town on FM, 101.8mhz. The reason for the 1602 being off is quite simple...on the night of Wednesday 28th May, the transmitter house was broken into and the transmitter was stolen. The site is on a hill and not alongside the radio station as it used to be, hence it was un-manned. A second transmitter is currently being repaired in Dublin and they hope to return to the air on AM very soon.

SUNSHINE RADIO. Back in Dublin now and following on the report of last week about the station having three FM channels in operation, we can now confirm the situation. 100.5mhz. is from Portmarnock, as before, 101.0mhz. is the old 101.5mhz. one which was situated higher up the hill, past the old Nova site and a new one has been introduced on 101.5mhz. from Three Rock beaming South to Bray and beyond. No major news from the station, plenty of adverts heard, as expected, following the Nova close. Martin King has been noted doing the occasional weekend show and Paul Kavanagh, the overnight show.

ENERGY 103. The station was heard on 103.0mhz. here in Blackpool, in the week, during conditions of 'lift', despite a local ILR occupying the same channel. The 738khz. signal seems to be travelling far and wide, despite its only modest power. A new line-up was promised for last Monday and fans of Tony Gareth(Gareth O'Callaghan) would be very pleased to hear his return to the airwaves of Dublin, following his sudden departure from BBC Radio Bedford. The current line-up reads....06.00 John O'Hara(with Gary Hammill). 10.00 Tony McKenzie. 15.00 Gareth O'Callaghan. 20.00 Richard Jackson. 00.00 Rick Dees(syndicated). 01.00 Mike Duggan. Newsreaders....Gary Hammill and Dave Johnson. Weekend presenters include...Derek Jones, Gary Hammill, Barry Falvey, Dave Johnson.

Q 102. No news as such, but, again, plenty of adverts heard on the station. 819khz.AM, 102.1 and 103.5mhz.FM in stereo.

TREBLE T.R. RADIO is rumoured to be spending a lot of money on new equipment and for the first time, the station was referred to as a 'super-pirate' by one of the newspapers in the week. This station has really stuck to its original format of country/Irish music since it started, way back in early 1981 from the Nova Park(then known as Greenacres Country Club). Frequencies...99.5mhz.FM in stereo and 945khz.AM.

RADIO DUBLIN. One report in suggested the station was back on 1152khz., in addition to 1188khz., and 98.8 and 105.0mhz. Further reports are awaited on this one.

Other Dublin Stations. A Radio Sovereign is reported to be commencing soon, on 87.8 and 104.6mhz. Hospital Radio on 97.2mhz., with live programmes, Radio Caroline Dublin on 98.5mhz., County Sounds on 105.6mhz.(announcing AM-not heard), Charisma on 98.0mhz. and Radio Galaxy on 1512khz.,

were all logged locally, in the last few days. A Z-105, mentioned last week is 'apparently not 'formerly BFBS/Radio Caroline Dublin', but does share the transmitter facilities in Blanchardstown.

RADIO Na nGAEL Swords, just North of Dublin, appear to have improved modulation, as the signal was about the clearest ever heard, here in Blackpool, during the week. 1350khz.

BREAKAWAY RADIO BALBRIGGAN. Set up each year for the 'Breakaway Festival'. The station has been logged this weekend, broadcasting from Balbriggan, North of Dublin, on 1404khz., with a fairly good signal here, announcing 217metres. Heady Eddie from Boyneside is the engineer.

NORTH WEST COMMUNITY RADIO in Buncrana, ~~Co.~~ Donegal has been received in Preston, Lancs., on 1116khz., after dark. We have yet to have a go at receiving this one.

CITY SOUND RADIO(the border straddler) in Derry, has been logged in Dungannon on 98.2mhz. 100 watts is the reported power, soon to be increased to 500 watts and a medium wave service added, on 1565khz., with 1½kw. Current station address is 33 Shipquay Street, Derry, N.I. Tel: (0504) 260315.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. The station is still in need of a transmitter engineer and an advert to that effect, can be found in this month's Wireless World. On Tuesday, the station was silenced by a major generator break-down at 06.00 and remained off the air for some hours, until engineers could get out there and fix it.

THE COMMUNICATOR. The ship is still at the same anchorage in the River Stour, off Erwarton Ness, as it was when it arrived in November, from the North Sea. Work is progressing slowly on board, mainly by volunteers, to get everything ship-shape and back in good working order. The reason for the mid-river anchorage is simple...cost. It is very cheap to anchor there. According to an advert in the Maidstone Extra(see cuttings), Laser will shortly be back and the Laser Roadshow was apparently back last night, although other reports say that 'Laser is finished', so who knows, at this stage.

STEREO 576. No news from Spain, but again, Ipswich Evening Star seems to have some info(see cuttings) and says the station will become a reality soon.

CAROLINE. Very little action on board, but certainly plenty around the vessel, as the DTI once more mount an assault on visiting vessels, fishing vessels, in fact anyone in the North Sea, it seems. Towards the end of last week, helicopters with searchlights were reported over the Ross Revenge.(Thursday night).Last weekend, a number of people were actually stranded on the Ross, when the Police vessel, 'Alert III' intercepted approaching boats, and whilst there was not a lot they could do outside the territorial limits, did warn the skippers that once inside, they would be seached, questioned, passports examined and anything else they could come up with, like checking VHF radios etc. One fishing boat was warned that if he landed with more than the two crew on board, he would be in trouble. As a result, one boat returned without the full party on board, and faced questioning, whereas the other returned with no-one on board and was not questioned. Meanwhile, back out at the ship, one or two were quite worried and some messages were noted over the air, for families, others were enjoying the extra time on board. Finally, after about twelve hours, another vessel arrived from another port, and took off the remaining party and landed them in another part of the country, meaning a long trip back to their cars. In fact some people did not arrive home until around about mid-day, the next day.

Apart from that excitement, little has happened on board. It appeared the station was again short of presenters, or at least, 'talking presenters. Several are known to be on board, but are not doing normal programmes. Kevin Turner actually came off last weekend and his voice on Caroline is on tape, as is Charlie Wolf's, although Charlie was actually visiting last weekend and did make a live appearance briefly. Kevin is now in Vienna, fulfilling his contract with Blue Danube Radio. John Lewis, as well as doing his own show, is often heard with occasional links in the evening, although some of these are on tape. John Dwyar and David Andrews are both doing extra shows. Ian Akers, along with 'Caroline' who first appeared a few weeks ago, on an all night weekend show, are spinning the 21.00 till 05.00 marathon show. Both spinners have been heard with just the odd announcement from time to time, but very few and far between. Andy Johnson has been on news only and is not doing any shows. Mark Matthews is doing 21.00 till 01.00 on 963khz. Nigel Roberts, we are not sure about, he was on board after last weekend, but may well have hitched a lift off, as he has not been heard all week,

as far as we know. Stevie Lane has been heard here, early week, at 01.00 on 963khz., but non-stop music was noted later in the week, at the same time. Caroline appeared in the early hours of Thursday, along with Ian and on one show, actually did a full six hours, from 23.00 till John commenced at 05.00. Kevin Turner's voice was noted on both Saturday and Sunday. Current line-up on 558....05.00 John Lewis. 09.00 David Andrews. 11.00 John Dwyar. 13.00 David Andrews. 17.00 John Dwyar. 21.00 till 05.00 Non-stop with Ian and Caroline.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. In view of recent harassment by DTI, Police and tower block security teams, it seems that **Radio Merseywaves** is under such pressure that they have announced that unless they can come to some agreement with the security people, they may well have to close down the whole operation, the first Sunday in July. As it is, reduced hours are in force and the station can now only be heard on Saturdays and Sundays, on 1242khz. **Concept Radio** were mentioned in Tim Jackson's report for last week, on 104.4mhz., and **Julie FM**, on 104.8mhz. **Radio Veronica** on 104.7mhz. were noted last Sunday from 17.00 till 21.00+ with what sounded like close-down messages. **Commodore** on 103.8mhz. closed down suddenly, announcing that they would be back with a new frequency. **KDA** on 93mhz. was heard relaying **Concept Radio** until 01.15(Monday), when a three way link-up was achieved between KDA, **Concept** and **South Wirral Radio**, the broadcasts going out on all three channels. **South Wirral Radio** were on 105.9mhz. A **Radio Active** keeps being mentioned and could well have been the un-identified station logged here some weeks ago, on 1611khz. FM has also been mentioned(104.7mhz.)

NORTH WALES. **Radio Annabelle** continues on 92.4mhz., from this area, with broadcasts on Sundays from 10.00 till 18.00 and Thursdays from 20.00 till 23.00 and occasionally other nights. Also heard locally in that area, **Deeside Community Radio** on 93mhz., last Monday from 10.00.

THE MIDLANDS. **Radio PCRL** continue in the area(and beyond) daily, on 103.6ish. U.K. Radio, although not reported today, could well appear later.

GLASGOW. **Radio Mercury's** sudden disappearance last week was due to DTI activity in the close vicinity. However, the station was well equipped security-wise and was well and truly out of the way, before they could effect a raid. The station re-appeared yesterday before 11.00, on 97.5mhz., with a **Simple Minds** and an **Amnesty International** programme, until 13.00, but have not as yet put in an appearance today.

THE SOUTH. **Radio Sovereign** has been logged today on 105mhz. FM in stereo, in East Sussex. Some audio problems were noted at about 15.00, and the station was announced to have been on from 08.00 till 00.00.

LONDON. Nothing was reported on AM last weekend say **SSM**, but on FM....**Alice's Restaurant** on 93mhz., **KISS FM** on 95.3mhz., **TKO** on the new frequency of 90.9mhz. and **Unid.**, with non-stop music on 94.4mhz. **SOLAR** have come back on the air, but broadcasting to the Algarve in Portugal! 91mhz. is the frequency to look out for when you are on holiday.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS...TODAY's LOG.....

6200khz...UNID.(DUTCH?), 10.30gmt.
6206khz...**RADIO RASTAFARI**(ViaB/Casting Corp), at 09.02gmt.
6206khz...UNID.(Belhar....? P.O. Box 1620...), at 10.00gmt.
6206khz...**RADIO VICTORIA**, at 10.53gmt.
6210khz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 09.45gmt.
6215khz...UNID.(Dutch), at 11.30gmt.
6223khz...**MBC RADIO**(via IRRS) at 09.40gmt.
6223khz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 10.50gmt.
6225khz...**FRS HOLLAND** at 09.05gmt.
6230khz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 10.40gmt.
6235khz...**RADIO GRAVESTONE INT.**, at 07.35gmt.
6235khz...**WRKY**(Killarney-relay?) at 10.50 to 11.20gmt.
6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL**, at 09.55gmt.
6258khz...**SUPER CLAN RADIO** at 08.30gmt.
6265khz...**RADIO GRAVESTONE INTERNATIONAL**, at 08.08gmt.
6266khz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10.35gmt.
6275khz...UNID., at 11.12gmt.
6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 10.45gmt.
6293khz...**PIRATE FREAKS BROADCASTING SERVICE**, at 09.30gmt.
6300khz...**WFRL**, at 09.15gmt.
6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND INT.**, at 11.00gmt.
6315khz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 11.31gmt.
6399khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 08.50gmt.
6650khz...UNID.(Irsih), at 11.30gmt.
6910khz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09.10gmt.
7315khz...**FRS HOLLAND**, at 09.50gmt.
7325khz...**KBC**(via Radio 101?), at 08.55gmt.
7360khz...UNID.(Dutch?...Radio Noorder....P.O.Box 18...at 10.15gmt.



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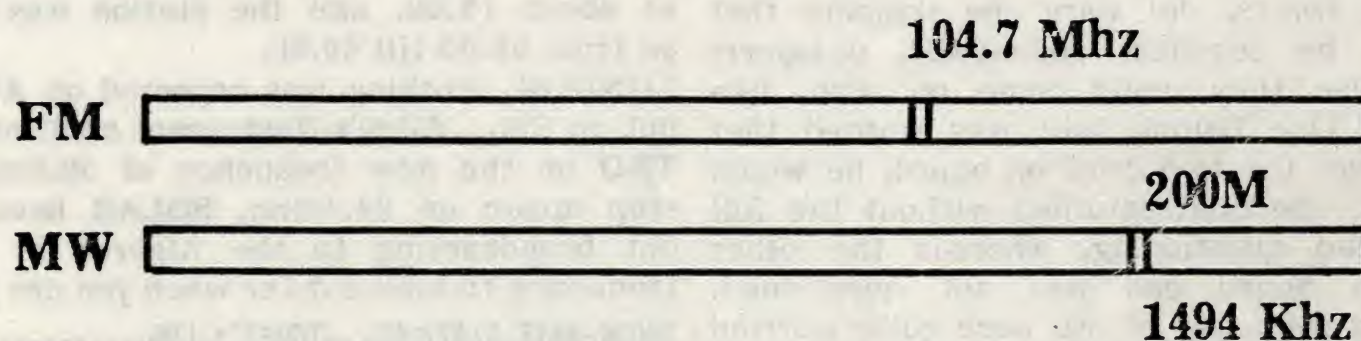
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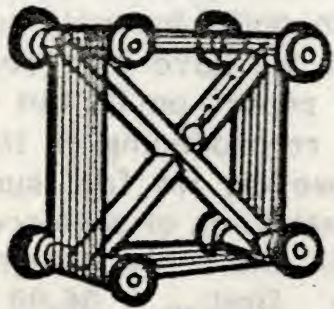
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WEEKLY REPORT.

No. 111...15th June 1986.

Space ran out on us last week, although the last page of the report was an advertisement, which could just as easily have been used for news, but we feel that people like to see these hand-outs/adverts/stickers put out by stations in other areas. So, no-one got thanked for sending all the info in to us, so, special thanks for last week and again for this week, in particular to all of you who sent in newspaper cuttings. We certainly have a good selection this week.

THE CUTTINGS CLUB. A good selection indeed, 2 X B4 sheets, both reduced down from A3, packed with news and stories from the week's press. They include....several reports(4), from the Irish press about Sports Aid cash going missing in Killarney, Radio ERI's major problems in Cork(3), Glasgow's Radio Mercury(1), a very large piece from a major Midlands daily free sheet, about PCRL(we have cut out some of the pictures, as they were irrelevant), a piece from last Monday's Guardian about the Community Radio Licences fiasco(this was only one of very many articles on this subject, received this week. As this is not exactly in our field, we selected the best of all the articles and used that one.), plus a few other bits and pieces. Price for these two excellent sheets is just 20p plus an SAE(or 40p, without the SAE). You can receive the week's cuttings along with your Weekly Report, (the majority of subscribers do now), simply send £5.00 and this will cover cuttings for a whole year, irrespective of number of sheets each week (it works out at just 10p per week!). Of course, only "WR" subscribers can join. Back-dating your subscription to "CC" is now allowed, but no further back than issue 83. All other week's cuttings are available at the price listed right here each week.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Irish Radio Station Lists, are once again up-dated, and available for just 30p. In view of the fact that we have no other station lists to offer, we are attempting to up-date these, almost daily, in view of the increased activity on that side. FRM Magazine Issue 6 is now in stock. All Dutch, but extremely interesting all the same. Worth £1.60 just for the front and back glossy, colour cover, featuring Magda Maria and Norderney side by side(taken recently).<TX> Magazine Issue 6(May '86) is now available. All the latest on the London(and surrounds) pirates. Well laid-out magazine and now, with photos too. Price is £1.00 from ourselves. Subs. from <TX>..... Offshore Echo's Issue 61 will be available from midweek, please feel free to send in orders now. Price is £1.70. Please Note:...we have now sold out of 'The Total Package'(17 items in a Jiffy bag)..... 'The List' is now discontinued. We understand that it will be shortly converted into a twice yearly publication entitled "The Free Radio Handbook". More about this when details become available. Finally, a couple of points on recent merchandise....Free Radio Waves 5 continues to sell at an incredible rate, price 80p, as do Caroline postcards at the special rate of 50 for £5.00. We can also now offer the Laser postcard at the same rate as the Caroline one...that is...25p each, 5 for £1, 25 for £3 or 50 for £5. The Laser card is larger than normal and also has the two station logos on it.

NEW ARRIVALS. Radiotelex Issue 75 is now available. 4 x A4 pages of short-wave news, logs and reports. Highly recommended for the short-wave listener. For 40p, we will send a sample copy, together with subscription rates form. Subscriptions must be taken out via RT.....Now Radio Newsletter, Issue 4(June 11th.), from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 ONW., arrived, as promised, on time. In excess of 20 pages of A4, well presented, and certainly most interesting. Along with the newsletter came a 'Special Offer Subscription Order Form' enabling would-be readers to obtain the NRN at a special rate. Drop them a line, it is definitely worth checking out.

CONTACTS GALORE.(If your friends think you are mad, don't despair, make 'Anorak' ones right here!).....Caroline fanatics, in and around the Cambridge area, want others to join them for meetings, newsletters, boat trips and many other things planned....write to Graham Hayes, 181 Walpole Road, Cambridge CB1 3UD.....Rob. Chapman of 5 Latham Street, Brigstock, Kettering NN14 3HD would like to contact anyone who may be able to help him, as he is researching the history of pop music for his Master's Degree at Leicester University. He is most keen to contact anyone who has been involved in offshore pirate radio over the years, who may be able to help him with this major project.

GENERAL CHAT. Does anyone in Essex or Kent just happen to have a recording of Simon Barrett's final 'show' which went out in the early hours of Saturday 3rd May, when he seemed to excel himself on "Radio Anorak 558"?.....

A good friend of ours in Dublin is anxious to purchase a communications receiver(with read-out of course), in good order. He tells us he has a 'few bob' to spare. Anyone with something to sell, might drop us a line sometime.....As this is now the 'FM' time, with "Sporadic 'E' and 'lifts', does anyone out there have an outstanding FM receiver? We are always mentioning aerials and aerial amplifiers, but receivers, not at all. Drop us a line if you have an outstanding one(or at least, you think it is). Does anyone use an Onkyo or Carver or Magnum receiver?

Finally, if anyone has plans to enter a couple of lines in **Contacts Galore**, if they represent a group at all, can they please check with the other members that they are all in agreement with what is about to be printed.

WRKY(Rocky 103). Based in Killarney, Co. Kerry, this station has certainly made the news. Two or three weeks ago, we carried an advert in the cuttings, taken from the newspapers, about the station's plans to raise money for 'Sport Aid'. Coronation Street star Mike Baldwin(Johnny Briggs) was to attend(and duly did). A lot of money was raised as a result(somewhere between £12,000 and £20,000), only for it to disappear along with a member of staff. Radio, television and the newspapers had a field day with the story(see a number of reports in this week's cuttings). The 'missing man' has now been named as 'Mark Somers'(his on-air name), but no more information re his real name/background are known. This name was given out by Mr O'Doherty, in a statement on WRKY on Thursday 5th June. Radio West, in their free radio show last Sunday, gave out another name, thought to be the missing person's real name. At this point in time, we are not too sure about this and would prefer to wait and see the outcome of events. We understand the Gardai(Police) are anxious to speak to this person in order that he may be able to help them with their enquiries.

On top of all this trouble, the station has experienced other problems....The 103 frequency went off the air on Thursday 5th, but had returned by Friday. Severe problems obviously exist, as WRKY are now all over the FM band, with chronic reception.

Current line-up on the station.....08.00 Sean Hurley. 12.00 Terry Doyle. 15.00 Non-stop music(played by Mrs Sean Hurley, although a V.O'Keefe drops in from time to time and does the show. 19.00 Tony Richards. 22.00(till 02.00) Mike Leahy.

News appears from time to time, certainly at no set times. Further staff problems, in addition to the above, make one wonder if this station can weather the storm.

HORIZON. Reports in, suggest that two former members of the above station's staff(and former Big 'L' presenters), have set up a new station in "Christy's Tavern" in Killorglin, Co. Kerry, on 102 and 104mhz. FM. Power is reported as being quite modest, and is apparently not even receivable in nearby Killarney.



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WKLR. This station in Bandon continues, we understand, on FM only. Meanwhile, Brian in Dungannon, listening on FM, reports an UNID. on 100.5mhz. (not Sunshine), with adverts for Bandon, Cork and other nearby towns. Could this be they?

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RADIO ERI. One of the country's largest independent stations, ERI, closed down last Tuesday following a court injunction granted in favour of a number of residents, living in the vicinity of the station's transmitting site. TVI, noise from generators and lights on the tower were the main complaints. The station closed announcing, 'closing for re-location', but returned on very reduced power next morning (Wednesday). This too, disappeared after not very long. The station promises to return, from new premises, but, with a competitor (the first since South Coast Radio) already cashing in on the station's demise, this could prove quite a mammoth task. The station has recently experienced problems in the form of competition, together with problems with RTE/NUJ and Murphy's brewery, then the injunction came and finished them off, at least, for now. This week's cuttings feature rather a lot of material on ERI. Radio ERI started life very modestly from Glebe House in a coastal village called Ballycotton. At the time, it was known as East Side Radio Ireland, later becoming Cork Eastside Radio, then Eastside Radio Ireland (ERI). Later it hit the big time and became 'The Nova of the South'. An early postcard has been re-produced at the head of the report.

WBEN. This station is coming along in leaps and bounds, in fact, the events of the past week could not have come at a better time. The medium wave transmissions, originally on 1485khz., have now been moved to 1386khz. A correspondent in Courtmacsharry, over 30 miles away, reports good reception with a loop aerial, on medium wave. He says the music is great, the station sounds fresh, but only a few commercials have been noted, at least, as yet, although this will doubtlessly change, in view of recent happenings.

ENERGY 103. A report in from Ronald of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, tells us that the station is pleasantly audible without an aerial in that area. He thinks it is about 150 + miles from Dublin, which is quite good, although we are at the best time for AM signals right now. (Thanks for the request, we did hear it, by the way).

The station has been carrying out some transmitter maintenance with regard to the 738khz. transmitter. 738 transmissions have been interrupted from time to time, notably around 20.00 hours on Wednesday and again Thursday. An improved signal has been promised, but whether or not it is improved is hard to determine here, as the signal is good all the time, during daylight hours. The 'Seven-Up' sponsored show has been advertised on the station (featuring Paul Young, this week), along with other odds and ends, but no major adverts noted as yet. An advert for a general receptionist for the station, has been noted.

KISS FM. No news, but just to say that the 1116khz. AM has been noticeably improved over the past week.

Q 102. Following the move to 7/8 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2, the station has invested in new stationery, paper, envelopes and 'with compliments' slips. We can quite honestly say that this stationery is definitely the best we have ever seen. We were were going to print a page of report on it, but due to the elaborate colours, we feel that re-producing it this way would not do full justice to it. However, we feel sure that if anyone writes in to the station, for stickers, or with reception reports, a sample will be included in the reply. Programme-wise now, and current line-up first.... 06.00 Greg Gaughran (with Mike 'Eye in the Sky' Hogan). 10.00 Scott Williams. 14.00 Henry Owens. 19.00 John Kenny. 21.00 Jason Maine. 01.00 Al Dunne.....Weekenders include, Dave Kelly, Aidan Lennard, John Power and Brian Graham. A recent new syndicated programme has been heard.... 'John Landers Hit Music U.S.A.', each Sunday afternoon, 14.00 till 18.00, sponsored by West Coast Cooler. Current frequencies are 819khz. AM and 102.1 and 103.5mhz. FM. Due to present good FM conditions, the 102.1mhz. transmissions are the best here, even better than 819khz., whose modulation seems distinctly lower at present.

Elsewhere in Dublin now.....Irish Christian Broadcasting Service were missing during the week from 981khz.....North Dublin Community Radio also seem to have abandoned MW, 1008khz., although can still be heard on 99.95mhz. FM.....Teble T.R. Radio were also noted missing on 945khz., on the odd occasion. This was thought to be due to problems with the 'link'.....Radio Caroline Dublin were noted locally on 98.5mhz., as were Hospital Radio on 97.3mhz., Radio Galaxy at the weekends, on 1512khz. or 1530khz., Music 105 on 105mhz., and a new station, opening 12th June for three weeks, Dundrum Community Radio, heard testing locally on 106.2mhz.

RADIO WEST. No news as such, just to say that the free radio programme had a live link-up with Tony Murrell on ABC Radio in Waterford, also, was relayed on Radio Rainbow (their free radio expert, Kieran Murray was away on holiday), on 6240khz. Next week's show will hopefully feature a live link-up with free radio stalwart, the likeable Heady Eddie of Radio Rainbow fame.

INDEPENDENT RADIO LONGFORD, reported last week as being heard on 99mhz. FM in Longford, has been broadcasting/testing since, and began official programmes last Monday (9th). They are broadcasting from custom built studios, a lot of the equipment being ex-Athlone Local Radio, including the 99mhz. transmitter. Power is only about 8 watts so far, but they are hoping to increase this very soon. Voice-overs by Don Allen have been noted.

LONGFORD COMMUNITY RADIO. This station continues on 1071khz. (announcing 280 metres), and is clearly audible here in Blackpool. No address for this station ever seems to be given out, although yesterday, a telephone number was....(043) 24373.

EAST COAST RADIO. An un-identified transmission in the week, on 1044khz., was logged initially, in Dungannon with a strong signal on Tuesday, relaying RTE Radio 2. The signal was quite strong and seemed to travel well...it was noted here in Blackpool without an aerial. It was also reported as very strong in Dundalk, indicating that the transmitter was maybe nearby. On Wednesday it relayed BBC Radio 2, then RTE again on Thursday. Since then it has played mostly a Carpenters L.P. or an Abba L.P. Further enquiries revealed the source...Ardee in Co. Louth. Apparently the station is going to be called East Coast Radio, and presenters are being sought.

K.C.R. Reports from Dundalk indicate a local, low power FM station being received in that town. 97.9mhz. is the frequency and North of Dundalk the location (could the KCR stand for Kilcurry Community Radio we wonder?)

Radio Cill Dara/C 104/Zee 104. Latest news from Naas, Co. Kildare, tells us that the station has yet to come on air, despite promises of same. Problems due to lack of an FM transmitter are blamed. Despite this, the station is all set to go, with jingles, studio etc., all ready, even a telephone is awaited. Expected line-up is at hand, although this will be printed once the station surfaces.

WLS Music Radio are alive and well and broadcasting to Galway on 102.7mhz. and 846khz. Pressure of business prevents too much letter writing from there, we are told. We are very pleased to hear this and can confirm that the station does sound very well, thanks to a couple of recordings sent in during the week, from the station. The studio equipment is reported to be of the best broadcast standard and includes Gates CD

77 turntables with Grey research arms, Spotmaster series 10 cartridge machines (record/playback), AKG or Electro-Voice mics., Sennheiser headphones, Akai Twin cassette system and professional jingles. Surely one of the best equipped stations in Ireland, with a sound to go with it. Advertising-wise, the station seems to be doing well with both local and national advertisers. For the Summer season, they have changed the jingle package to the Summer format. For 'Sport Aid', the station broadcast Galway city's first commercial radio outside broadcast, including the start of Galway's 'Sport Aid' run and many local celebrities were interviewed. Current line-up reads....07.00 Don Stevens with 'Sunrise Special'. 10.00 Richie O'Shea. 14.00 Steve Marshall. 18.00 John Richards. 21.00 Gary Woods. 00.00 Tommy's 'Thru till dawn'. News is handled by Mary Falkan.

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EMERALD FM on 97.5mhz., has been reported testing in the Galway area. We have no further details as yet.

Finally, thanks to everyone for all the news and cuttings this week, including Frank, Jason, Jeff, Phil, Brian, Andy, Joe and Jane, Scott, Dave, Don, Keith, Ian and the ones we have forgotten!

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THE VOICE OF PEACE

THE VOICE OF PEACE. Word reaches us this week from Chris 'The Boy' Pearson (remember him on Caroline, at Easter '85?). He tells us that the station has a very settled line-up and currently, it looked like this (the day before new guy, Rob Charles, joined)....00.00 'Midnite Affair' with Richard Staines. 03.00 'Nitebeat' with Ray Sarsfield. 06.00 'The Brekky Show' with Dave Shearer. 09.00 'Morning Music' with Chris Pearson. 12.00 'Music in the Middle' with various presenters. 13.00 'Heart to Heart', Phone-in with Abie. 15.00 Kassach, Arabic/Hebrew music. 16.00 'Drivetime' with Greg Fairly. 18.00 'Twilight Time', various. 19.30 Classical. 21.00 Russian. 22.00 'Specialist' with Keith Lewis.

The D.J.'s double up and make up their hours by presenting (spinning) the non-music shows. Dave James has now departed (18th May) and works in Tel Aviv.

Rob Charles has since arrived and replaced one of the presenters above, who would take shore leave.

Telephone reports during the week, tell us that the station is still having severe generator problems and is off the air from time to time. The latest report in, actually from Abie, yesterday lunchtime, tells us that the station has now been off the air for five days. Although the station has four generators, it appears that all are in a poor way. Delays in getting same repaired are being experienced, apparently due to some sort of holiday in Israel. Much well-needed advertising income has been lost as a result of these problems.

THE COMMUNICATOR & THE NANNELL. There does not seem to be anything to report on either of these two this week.

RADIO CAROLINE. 'Ghost' presenters continued to be heard this week, Kevin Turner for the first half of the week, Dennis Jason for the second half. 'Ghost' meaning that someone else was playing the music and slotting in pre-recorded 'links'. Known 'spinners' were Ian Akers and Caroline Martin. Both identified themselves at times, and read the weather on the half-hour, during these shows. The week started off with announcements of engineering work to be carried out during the night, reducing the on-air hours to eighteen, from 06.00 till 00.00. The line-up for most of the week read...06.00 John Lewis. 09.00 David Andrews. 13.00 'Kevin Turner'. 17.00 John Dwyar. 21.00 Ian Akers. On Thursday, 'Dennis Jason' replaced 'Kevin Turner' and Caroline Martin replaced Ian Akers. This was possibly Caroline's last programme, as on Friday, the whole line-up changed and she left the ship, along with John Lewis. Friday's Breakfast Show appeared, minus John Lewis and Andy Johnson who usually reads news, reports etc. This was undertaken by Dave Andrews, who stated that the rest of the crew seemed to be still in bed. No news

was heard at all. Line-up was 06.00 Dave Andrews. 09.00 John Dwyar. 13.00 Andy Johnson. 17.00 John Dwyar. 19.00 'Raffles Robot Radio' (Woof, woof), with Dave Andrews and Ian Akers. On Saturday, the only two live D.J.'s appeared to be Dave Andrews and John Dwyar. A record was played for Andy, Bagwan and Stevie, hoping they had a safe journey. From the what we have heard, we can only assume that by Saturday, the following had left the ship....John Lewis, Caroline Martin, Andy Johnson, Bagwan and Stevie Lane. The station continued to close at mid-night. On Sunday, a new voice was heard, reading the news at 09.00...Pat Downton(?) with an Australian accent. At 13.00 hours the return of Peter Philips was noted.

A number of new adverts were heard in the week, one for an American football match, to be held today, another was for a pop festival in Belgium on 5th July and finally one for a Caroline Music Show on 17th June.

Over on 963khz., Mark Matthews has been heard every night with a much reduced 'Overdrive', closing, like 558 at mid-night (for 'Father Barrington' to do some knob-twiddling!).

A Spin Magazine Radio Concert was broadcast at 22.00 last Sunday.

Finally, correspondent, John, in Banbury, wrote to Radio Finland enquiring how Caroline would fair once they introduced the new transmitter next January. He received a telex back and has kindly let us re-print it here.....

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LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.....Radio Merseywaves was logged once again on it's normal weekend schedule (Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday), at least up till today, on 1242khz. We are not sure, but it sounds as though they have managed to sort out some of their location problems. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, logged here, was a new station, with a drifting transmitter, which starts off around 1400khz., and settles somewhere around 1395khz. The signal was extremely weak, but it appeared to be? Community Radio, although on Saturday they did state that the station had no name at that stage. Radio Veronica was heard here, announcing a test transmission, yesterday, at 17.35, on 104.8mhz., saying they would be back sometime soon. It is reported that the station had a live link-up with KZEW in Dallas, last Bank Holiday Monday 27th May, going out live in Dallas and vice-versa. No other stations have been logged here, but Tim Jackson, in his report for last weekend, mentions Radio Julie on 104.8mhz., Concept Radio on 104.4mhz. and K-Sound Radio on 105.2mhz.

THE MIDLANDS. PCRL have not been heard since Thursday. No other details at hand. (see big feature in Cuttings Club).

BLACKPOOL. Radio Sunshine has once again been heard locally on 97.7mhz., and announcing 101.9mhz. also, but not thought to be transmitting on this channel, as it is used widely by the emergency services.

GLASGOW. Radio Mercury failed to appear last Sunday for their scheduled broadcast, as a short test was carried out prior to the start of normal programmes, which seemed to alert the DTI, who were obviously waiting to pounce. The station's security team spotted them and all further broadcasts were aborted. They have decided to cancel all weekend broadcasts in future, and concentrate on weekday evenings broadcasts instead. A Radio Clyde car was also spotted at the same time as the DTI, and they appeared to be taking more than a passing interest in what was happening, or was about to happen.

LONDON/SOUTH EAST. Stations heard on Saturday included, TKO on 90.8mhz., KISS FM on 95.3mhz., Radio Badger on 91.75mhz. and LWR on 92.0mhz. and today...TKO, KISS, Starpoint on 94.0mhz., Radio Sovereign on 105.0mhz., LGR on 105mhz., British Greek Community Radio on 103.5mhz. and Alice's Restaurant on 92.9mhz. It is reported that an ABC Radio in Eastbourne is due to make the first of several Sunday evening broadcasts, commencing today, on 105.2mhz.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Unfortunately, we ran out of space last week before we could report on the state of the morning's conditions. Conditions were fair to good last week, improving to a peak around mid-day BST, then deteriorating rapidly thereafter. Everyone rang/wrote in with a good log, for a change and amendments to our printed log of 8th June, courtesy of Podney R. Sixe, are as follows.....our 'UNID' on 6200khz., may have been FRS Holland(at 11.38gmt).....an 'UNID' logged by Podney, on 6261khz., at 10.04gmt., may have been Radio Skywave Int..... our 6650khz., 'UNID.' was possibly 'Irish Rover', P.O. Box 1, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, at 11.22gmt., with Irish music, although Podney logs it as 6625khz. SSM have also logged this station on 6625khz., at 10.49gmt., therefore our original logger must have got confused.???

Radio Epsilon were logged in Germany on 1st June, from 11.47 to 11.50gmt., in English and German, on 6220khz., announcing a test transmission on 6240khz. This station was originally relayed by the Dutch station, Radio Tonair, who were recently raided by the Dutch authorities.

An 'UNID.' logged by Podney on 25th May on 6240khz., at 12.07gmt., was WLR Scotland, with pop music and an address of 314 Aygyl St., Glasgow.

Falcon Radio, logged on 6275khz., on 1st June, was relayed by Radio Universum. Further relays are possible on 6275, 6297, with tests on 5200 and 5300khz.

SHORT WAVE LOG for Saturday 14th June 1986.

6207khz....Radio Victoria, at 10.06gmt.
6240khz....Radio Gravestone International, at 09.30gmt.
6240khz....Radio Orion, at 10.11gmt.
6910khz....Radio Dublin, at 08.02gmt.

SHORT WAVE LOG for Sunday 15th June 1986.

6200khz....MMBC Radio, at 10.50gmt. RADIO LIMIT INTERNATIONAL
6207khz....FRS Holland, at 08.16gmt. Power on Shortwave !!
6223khz....Radio 22, at 10.00gmt. P.O. Box 22 03 42
6240khz....FRS Holland, at 08.17gmt. D - 5600 Wuppertal 22
6240khz....Radio Rainbow, at 09.10gmt. West Germany
6258khz....Super Clan Radio, at 08.05gmt. Pop and Rock for Europe
6261khz....Radio Skywave International, at 09.36gmt.
6266khz....Radio Orion, at 09.05gmt.
6280khz....Radio Limit International, at 09.40gmt.
6280khz....Westside Radio International, at 10.25gmt.
6300khz....Radio Normal(? Dutch?), 08.35gmt.
6310khz....Radio Ireland, at 09.15gmt.
6399khz....Radio Valleri, at 09.30gmt.
7315khz....Future World Radio, at 08.20gmt.
7325khz....Radio 101, at 08.45gmt.
7325khz....KBC, at 09.44gmt.

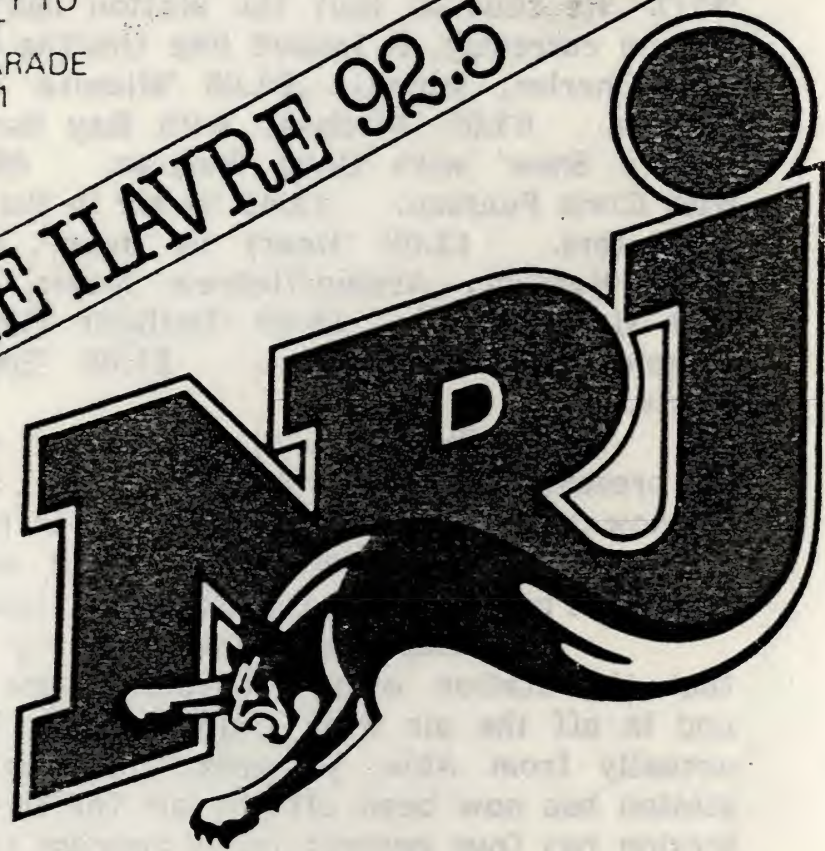
Conditions, whilst quite good on Saturday, and in fact recently, were quite poor today. Our thanks to all the loggers on short wave, as always.

Finally, if anyone has any short wave station histories or stories, Free Radio Waves Editor, Simon Parry(see address below) would be more than grateful to hear from you.

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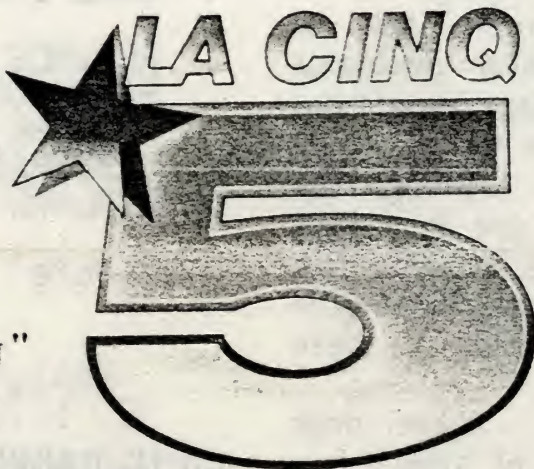
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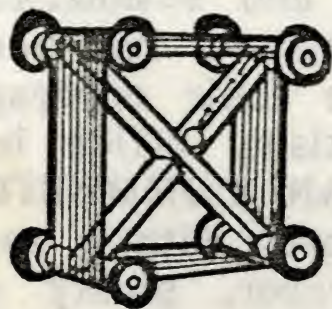


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WEEKLY REPORT.

No. 112....22nd June 1986.

A welcome this week to a number of new readers to "Weekly Report"....'the first with the news, in print'. Firstly, a message to students....don't forget to inform us about your change of address for the long Summer holidays. That way, you won't miss a single edition. Thanks as usual, to all who have sent in reports and cuttings once again, the latter being more than normally appreciated, as the majority this week come from regional newspapers.

THE CUTTINGS CLUB. A single B4 sheet this week, reduced down from A3, and packed with an excellent cross section of news from many quarters. A large piece from The Clacton Herald about future plans regarding the Communicator, a report from Broadcast about the Nannell, several articles from the Midlands(UK) newspapers about PCRL's recent successful court case, the latest about Nova in Dublin and several reports from the Irish press about the closure of ERI and closure of WLS(although the latter report is untrue - see later). An excellent sheet this week. We must just point out for the benefit of those who send in the newspaper cuttings, we often cut out and don't use the pictures in the reports, due to the fact that they are often old library pictures, or simply do not re-produce as well as we would like, and take up space which could be better used with another item.(This has happened this week, with the Communicator story). However, occasionally, exclusive pictures appear and these are used.(In the case of the Nannell story, this week, although the re-production is quite poor. Nevertheless, one can quite easily make out the square lattice mast under construction mid-ships). The price for this sheet is just 10p(plus an SAE, of course), or 30p, if you don't send the SAE. You can receive the cuttings as part of "Weekly Report", simply send £5.00 for a year's subscription, and you will get every week's cuttings, irrespective of number of sheets, for a whole year, posted first or second class, whichever way your subscription is ordered. All sheets of cuttings back as far as Issue 50 are still available in this B4 format, at the price listed right here each week, but, if you wish, you can back-date your "CC" subs., for a number of weeks, but no further back than Issue 83.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Well, we have nothing as yet, but doubtless, as this report is posted on Monday morning, the latest edition of Offshore Echo's (No. 61), will appear from the other end of the Post Office. The magazine has been in the post for a number of days, we understand, but with it having to come from France, it does take a little while to get across, plus the fact that it is a very large parcel. Anyway, in its absence, a quick special offer.....The price of Offshore Echo's is now £1.80 per copy, or £8.50 per year(5 copies and a saving over the year of 50p). For this week only....any single issues, £1.70, or subs. for £8.00. A quick note before we leave OEM...Due to re-organisation of OEM subscription department in France, some problems arose last time, in that some subscribers received a demand to renew before receiving their fifth issue(No. 60), which then failed to appear. If this happens this time, will subscribers wait a few days, after receiving the renewal slip, in order to see if the latest issue actually does arrive, then, if it does not, drop us a line here. We apologise on behalf of France, but can assure everyone that steps are being taken to streamline the whole operation at their end.

NEW ARRIVALS.....Play-DX No. 420, 6 x A4 sides of logs and reports, mostly in Italian, but easily understandable, from Dario Monferini, Via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy. Send a couple of IRC's or some station stickers for info and sample issue. **Pin Magazine No. 21**, May '86, available right now. 40 pages, in German.

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Finally, from The Free Radio Listeners Club comes not one, but two, magazines. **Update Monthly Magazine Issue 2** and **FRLC Worldwide Broadcast Today**. Write off today for details of the above and also of all the other interesting things offered by FRLC(Enclose an SAE or IRC). Their address is FRLC, P.O. Box 99, Northampton. **CONTACTS GALORE.** Apologies first off this week to everyone who rang a Dublin phone number recently, regarding the starting of a new station, only to be disappointed by what they were told. This item was placed in this column in good faith, but needless to say, we did not check it out, but if we start having to check out this type of thing, news could be neglected. So, please, if you are acting on behalf of a group, make sure the others in your group are fully aware of what you are doing. Another blunder now! Last week we mentioned that Rob Chapman of 5 Latham Street, Brigstock, Kettering NN14 3HD, was researching pop music, it should have read....pop music radio! Anyone who thinks he can help in any way, with information, or has

worked on a pirate station in the past, should drop Rob a line. Brian Long of 6 Trident House, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 ONQ is also doing research and his subject is Radio London. He would like to hear from anyone with interests in it and who may have the Radio London charts (Fab 40's). John MacLeod of 235 Mackintosh Road, Raigmore Estate, Inverness IV2 3UB would like to make contact with others in his area, and further afield, with Offshore interests (Caroline/Laser etc.).

GENERAL CHAT. Our policy of posting all "WR"s into an empty Blackpool Head Post Office, on Sunday evenings, seems to be having the desired results, as subscribers note a 'Monday 12.30am' postmark and delivery on that same day on occasions locally and on the following day further afield/second class/Ireland, as well. Of course, there are always exceptions, and some reports are taking a week to arrive at their destination. We are powerless to do anything here, but we can assure everyone that we do post all reports at the same time. One correspondent writes asking why he can now receive FM signals better, from further away ILR stations, now that they have moved along the band. Two reasons....FM conditions are generally good at this time of year, making further afield ones sound like locals, plus the fact that the particular station you are listening to, may well have had another ILR on a nearby channel causing you to have difficulty in receiving it, whereas now, it may well be out in the clear, so to speak, with no nearby 'neighbours'. On the subject of receiving, a number of new subscribers have recently been writing in, asking if the medium wave 'loop' aerial really works. All we can say is this, without one you lose about half the audible stations possible with one. As for picking up a specific station, say, Caroline, yes, it will be louder and clearer by far, but do remember that the aerials will also amplify interference and unwanted signals, although both are able to be nulled out, as long as they don't come in along the same line of direction as the station you wish to listen to. Send for our aerial info, if still unsure. Finally, word just in, tells us that Issue 5 of Now Radio Newsletter will be published on Wednesday next (25th). This looks like being a mammoth issue, but the interesting item will certainly be the exclusive interview with Paul Alexander Rusling, the first since he was last heard of in Spain, with the Nannell. That should be worth reading. Ensure you get a copy, send £1.00 today for a sample (request Issue 5) to Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 ONW.

RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND. Starting from the centre and working out this week. **RADIO WEST** in Mullingar on 765khz. and 701khz. from Athlone, and 99mhz FM., had a rather interesting Free Radio Show today, in fact, possibly the best ever. Today's show had a live link-up with Hedy Eddie of Boyneside Radio and Radio Rainbow, and very interesting it was too. Eddie was apparently in a telephone box in Togher, merrily feeding it 50p coins. These link-ups, either by phone or over the air, make interesting listening and many topical radio items were

covered in today's show. **BIG 'M' COMMUNITY RADIO**, currently on 1413khz. and 954khz.AM. The latter frequency, we understand, has been introduced to try and increase their coverage in Northern Ireland. An advertising office has been opened in Armagh. **CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO** on 819khz. has been noted with a very distorted signal of late. However, plenty of commercials have been heard, along with a new jingle "Professional radio throughout the Midlands and North-West, this is CCR on 819khz". Reports in from Co. Mayo, and read out on the Radio West programme suggested that there was another station over in the North West, possibly called Westward, operating on 828 or 819khz. A quick call to Ballina, in Co. Mayo today revealed that there is no such station, at least, heard there, nor is there any stations on the air in Westport, Castlebar, Ballina or even Sligo, despite rumblings of something or other in the pipe-line. The only station audible there with a reasonable signal, is **MID-WEST RADIO** from Ballyhaunis, which although not the most professional station ever heard, does have a very loyal country following it appears. Further South now and into Galway, where according to the newspapers, **WLS MUSIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL** has been served with a permanent injunction and has closed down. This is not so at all. The injunction, which stems from some interference last year, was served on WLS Air Marketing Services and WLS Music Radio AM/FM. This organisation has ceased trading and according to a hand-out from September 1985, Goldstar Air Marketing Services purchased some of the equipment from the other ill-fated company and continue to operate a commercial service to Galway and surrounds, from premises at 24 Prospect Hill, Galway. A number of staff from the former station were re-employed on the new outfit. A tape recording made on the day of this report, is at hand, and we can confirm the station sounds very much alive and well, indeed. Steve Marshall is the presenter. It appears that RTE have dug up this old skeleton because WLS have been increasing FM stereo power recently and becoming a major threat to their revenues in the County area. As regards the other station mentioned last week, in Galway, **EMERALD FM**. This is coming from the Ragoon district of the city, but not regularly, and very weak too. They are non-commercial, cater for a 13 - 18 age group and play a great number of twelve inch singles. The studio is in a private house and they say that they will cease transmissions at the end of August (when they go back to school, no doubt!). In nearby Ballinasloe, reports of someone setting up a new station abound, to be called Candy Radio (a sweet music station?). On 1242khz., **LAOIS COMMUNITY RADIO** put in a great signal here, when local pirate, Radio Merseywaves is missing. Worth checking out is Dave the engineer's 60's Show on Sunday afternoon. He was inviting requests to be sent in to the station address at 100 Main Street, Mountrath, Co. Laois. Down country now and to that other area of radio activity, Cork City, where **RADIO ERI** are back, or are they??? A letter and telephone call from the

city during the week said they were still off the air. Captain West on Radio West said they were back, and had been for some days!!!! This is a mystery, which will no doubt be solved next week, when people write in with some more facts. According to Radio West, the factory, owned by the O'Connors and housing Radio ERI transmitter and mast, went into liquidation, forcing the radio station, also owned by the O'Connors to seek a new site. This was found, it appears, but residents living nearby, were far from happy about the interference they were experiencing and were granted an injunction by the court to silence the station for three weeks. Now the story becomes vague....what happened next? Did the station send across to England for a new tower, as they could not get their old one, nor could buy one in Ireland? What about the transmitter? Did the injunction not apply here? Are they back on the air???? Meanwhile **WBEN** clean up in the city with their fresh 'clutterfree' 'fifteen minute music sweeps' approach, on 98.2mhz. and 1386khz. Following our printing of an early ERI postcard last week, it prompted a former ERI presenter, Stuart Scott to write a small article for us, entitled 'Radio ERI - The Beginnings'. We shall, space permitting, of course, re-print this in next week's report. In Dublin now, and **ENERGY 103** started the week off with a major shake-up....the new line-up reads....06.00 Tony McKenzie. 10.00 Jerry Stevens(ex Q 102). 15.00 Gareth O'Callaghan. 19.00 Richard Jackson. Midnight Rick Dees. 01.00 Mike Duggan. Jerry Stevens joining the station following a break from broadcasting, after presenting daily programmes on Q. On news, Dave Johnson and George Long(re-joining the station), with Gary Hammill on weekend news. Weekend presenters heard...Derek Jones, Brian Lambert, Barry Falvey, Joe Harte and Gary Hammill. Specialist shows....Weekly Top Forty with Rick Dees and European Top Forty. A number of adverts have been noted at last and one or two odd jingles, although a new Dallas produced package is expected shortly. It has been reported that the station has increased power on 738khz. **LIBERTIES LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO** have been reported as moving their FM frequency from 96.7mhz. to 107.3mhz., perhaps due to RTE wanting to use the old one.

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DUNDRUM COMMUNITY RADIO duly commenced transmissions on Thursday 12th June, on 106.2mhz., reputedly for three weeks. **WONDERLAND RADIO** in Tallaght, recently operating on about 91mhz., moved on to LLCR's vacated FM frequency, although were asked by RTE to move from there, which they duly did. Other stations logged in Dublin....**Hospital Radio**, on 97.3mhz., **County Sounds**, on FM, but announcing an AM frequency(not received), **Radio Amanda** on 92mhz., **Music 105**, on 105mhz., **Radio Galaxy** on 1530khz.(Sunday), **Radio Caroline Dublin** on 98.5mhz., **K 104**, testing on 104.5mhz., **Radio Zodiac**(via Caroline Dublin) on 98.5mhz. and **Radio Charisma**, on 98.1mhz. Our thanks this week to Andy, Bernard, Joe and Jane, Phil, Don, Tommy, Siobhan, Nick, Kevin, Frank and Sean. **THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No further news apart from the fact that the station is still off the air with generator problems. It is hoped, however, to get back on the air shortly, with the help of a new engineer who arrived today. Further staff changes are expected in due course.

STEREO HITS/LASER/CAROLINE. Why list them altogether, you may ask. Read the newspaper cuttings below !!! Has anyone attended/will anyone be attending, these functions?(some have been held already). Any chance of sending in a report? As you will see, all three stations are mentioned in them. What is the connection? Robbie Day? Stereo Hits featured in this week's Broadcast(see cuttings), although nothing additional was reported therein. The Communicator featured also in this week's cuttings. The progress being made in re-equipping the station was reported on.

The Spalding Guardian, Friday, June 20, 1986

Laser Roadshow is back in town

LASER Roadshow is back on the road and will be visiting Spalding South Holland Centre next Friday, June 27. The evening includes The Mark's Brothers live on stage, as well as top American DJs, competitions, and spectacular lights and pyrotechnics. You also stand a chance of winning a

holiday in America!

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The Laser pirate radio station having been off the air for some time now, the roadshow is soon to be re-named — The Caroline Roadshow Nite Out!

20 NEWS IN FOCUS, June 17 & 18, 1986

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On to news from Caroline now, last Monday saw Peter Phillips back in the line-up on a regular basis, along with new news-reader, Pat Danton, ex Radio Jackie, who is apparently English and an actor/no doubt, resting at present. The line-up for the week read.....06.00 Dave Andrews. 09.00 John Dwyar. 13.00 Peter Phillips. 17.00 A combination of the above three doing a two hour spot each, every day. 21.00 till close-down at midnight. The Silent Man, Ian Akers with continuous music. Over on 96.3kHz, Mark Matthews has been heard doing the 21.00 till midnight slot. Engineering work is reported between the hours of mid-night and 06.00. Pat Danton was heard reading international news on Monique, reports Ronnie Simmons, who also goes on to say that on Monique, some repeated tapes have been noted, along with live shows from Wim de Valk and Dick Verheul. On Wednesday, a new taped presenter was heard, Martin Peters, with a different sounding voice than the others.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. THE MIDLANDS. The newspapers have had a field day this week, with the court case involving PCRL's Cecil Morris. The prosecution failed in its bid to convict Morris, despite his being arrested in the actual PCRL studios. Scenes of jubilation greeted the man on his departure from court and the paper reports were quite extensive. Some radio and television coverage was also given and judging by the scenes, support for the station is extremely good, which is more than can be said for some operations. It is reported that the station hits about 2 million people per week, with its powerful FM transmissions, which can be received far and wide. We can confirm this, as can anyone travelling down the motorway. The station is loud and clear for mile after mile. Needless to say, they are on the air, daily, 24 hours, on 103.6mhz.

LIVERPOOL. What a week! Nothing logged here at all, although a carrier on 140.4kHz, was heard here today, which may well have been Central Radio or Anfield Community Radio. Thanks for that info to Gary in Liverpool, who also goes on to say that Radio Merseywaves tested their 98.1kHz, tx in the week. The latter station has not appeared at all this weekend, as yet. In view of lack of news, we shall print Tim Jackson's report for last weekend, along with line-ups etc., below.

NORTH WALES. Radio Annabelle appears each Sunday from 10.00 till 18.00 and Thursday from 20.00 till 23.00, on 92.4mhz., although the station is taking a break, we understand, this weekend.

Stations in Blackpool and Glasgow have not been noted at all today. One station we omitted to mention in Glasgow was Kingston Bridge Radio, who broadcast on 25/26th May last on 95.5mhz. **THE SOUTH.** Not a great lot to report, but the following have been heard in the London area.... **Starpoint** on 88.6mhz., **TKO** on 91.0mhz., **KISS FM** on 95.3mhz.(along with a hum) and **LGR** on 105.1mhz. Not logged. Alice's Restaurant. Further South still and **ABC Radio** is appearing regularly each Sunday evening from 19.00 till 21.30, on 105.0mhz., with 30 watts, but due to

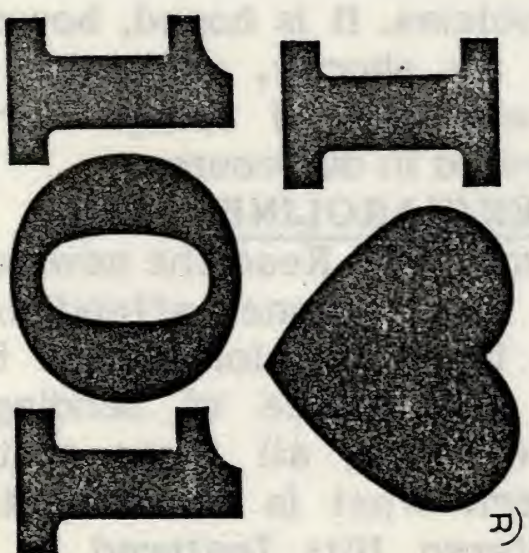
their excellent high site, is getting reports from as far away as 80 miles. Current address is 28 Clyde Park, Hailsham, East Sussex. Radio Sovereign meanwhile, continues each Sunday from 08.00 till 18.00 on the same frequency, with 90 watts of power.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS...Today's log....
6200kHz...FALCON RADIO at 09.54gmt.
6207kHz...C.L.C.G. at 08.14gmt.
6207kHz...RADIO MARABU at 11.50gmt.
6210kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT. at 12.02gmt.
6253kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT. at 10.26gmt.
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW at 08.34gmt.
6240kHz...C.L.C.G.(via Rainbow) at 11.26gmt.
6258kHz...SUPER CLAN RADIO at 08.01gmt.
6260kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT. at 10.01gmt.
6266kHz...RADIO ORION at 09.11gmt.
6273kHz...FRS HOLLAND at 09.46gmt.
6273kHz...SPECTRUM WORLD B/C at 11.07gmt.
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT. at 09.42gmt.
6306kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.(?) at 11.00gmt.
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT. at 11.27gmt.
6400kHz...RADIO VALLEIRI at 09.52gmt.
7325kHz...RADIO 101 at 08.03gmt.

Amendments to last week's log, from Podney R. Sixe, who received Falcon Radio on 6201kHz, at 11.11gmt., and on 6224kHz, at 10.48gmt. Other than that, his logs matched ours completely.

We keep getting reports of Caroline/Monique/Viewpoint 963 on short-wave. The most recent came from last Sunday when the logger heard them on 6235kHz, with poor quality. It is more than likely the station, or tapes of same, are being relayed by a land-based operator.

Finally, back to FM before we go, a report in today from Kent, tells us that a 'libre' station from France, 'NIRJ', whose sticker we re-produced on the back page of last week's report, was heard loud and clear there, today, on 94.3 and 99.8mhz. *****
Congratulations to Juliet Smith of Skegness, Lincs, who wins 4 AIR RAID TAPES of her choice in the second Air Raid Free Prize Draw. Edwin Southwell of Basingstoke, Hants., wins the runner-up prize of "REBEL RADIO" by Hind and Mosco. *****



RECEIVED FROM RADIO SOCIETY View on line Sunday 15th June 1979
The latest attempt to hit the local pirate scene is Radio Julie's "Outside Broadcast" facility. Unfortunately this has led to a lot of silliness and apparently little effort to put out serious programming. The experiment seems to still be somewhat in the 'wild or minor' stage, no hopefully things will improve with time.

RADIO SOCIETY 17/7/79 12.40MHz: 9, Headfoot Road, Norton, Warral, Merseyside L46 7YX.
Heard during the week were:

Monday - 8am-11am Peter Thomas; 11am-1pm Barry Hobbs; 1pm-3pm DJG; 3pm-5pm Alan Bates; 5pm-7pm Jeff Stacey; 7pm-9pm KTC; 9pm-11pm Mark Burgess; 11pm-12midnight Mark Newman; 12midnight-1am KTC

Tuesday - 8am-11am Paul James; 11am-1pm DJG; 1pm-3pm Jeff Stacey; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm KTC; 7pm-9pm Edward Dear; 9pm-10pm Mark Newman; 10pm-12midnight Peter Thomas; 12midnight-1am KTC

Saturday - 10:40am-noon Mark Wright; noon-2pm Jeff Stacey (in for Barry Hobbs); 2pm-4pm DJG; 4pm-6pm Paul Woods & KTC; 6pm-8pm Gary; 8pm-10pm Peter; 10pm-12midnight Mark Newman

Sunday - 10:15am-11am Mark Burgess; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-5pm Desai; 5pm-7pm Tony Coltrane; 7pm-10pm Peter Thomas; 10pm-12midnight Mark Newman; 12midnight-1am KTC; 1am-3am Paul Woods.

Station announcements suggest that Mark Newman is no longer the manager. They were late on air on both Saturday and Sunday, but were heard on Sunday before 10:15am, but only as severely distorted splatter over BBC R-3.

CENTRAL FM 103.0MHz: 18, Glyne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6PZ.
On Wednesday, an intermittent signal was noted on 103.6mhz, from approximately 9:10pm. The DJ was Dave Ross, but no station ID was noted. At 9:30pm they went off the air "for five minutes" but weren't noted again. At midnight, the frequency changed splatter and the station were thought to have shifted frequency, but on re-tuning it was found that

Slag-Off International had opened up on 103.6mhz. The signal was again noted on Thursday at 9pm, with Dave Ross in the chair and ID'ing the station as Central FM. He was followed 10pm-11pm close-down by Jeff Thompson, who said that they would be doing a full schedule on Sunday

Sunday - 7:30am-8am continuous music; 8am-10am Charles Brown; 10am-noon Jim Brown; Noon-2pm Tom Webb; 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Jim Lowe; 6pm-8pm Dave Ross (in for Joe Ball); 8pm-10pm Dave Ross; 10pm-12midnight Jeff Thompson.

The signal in Jiscard is strong and just readable on a pocket-portable, but speech modulation wasn't too good for most of the day. The station was suffering complete break-through from a ground/air control and they say that during the afternoon they moved to 104.0mhz to avoid this, but the frequency shift wasn't noted here.

RADIO JULIE 104.6mhz: 15 Pitch Close, The Crofters, Greshy, Warral, Merseyside L49 2UD
This station were noted from approximately 9pm on Friday evening, when an "outside broadcast" by Dave Collins was in progress. These outside broadcasts are currently an excuse for all the DJs to be "involved" all at once and tend to sound "silly" rather than entertaining. My 10pm they settled down to normal studio-type programming, and heard was 10pm-12midnight close-down, Joe Williams. They were noted again from about 4pm on Saturday with the inevitable outside broadcast "from Moreton beach". Normal programming began at 5pm.

Saturday - 5pm-6pm Ray Jackson; 6pm-8pm Andy Davies(?); 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-12midnight Joe Davies; not noted after midnight.

Sunday - 5:05pm onward intermittent music and ID jingles; 7:30pm-9pm continuous music; 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-12midnight Joe Williams; 12midnight-2am(?) Wayne George(?); Not checked after 12:30am

It seems that the station attempted an outside broadcast (via RF?) earlier in the day, from Anglesey, but "breakers" on the frequency prevented this. It would be a pity if the station allowed these outside broadcasts to get out of hand as they have some quite good presenters when running normal programming.

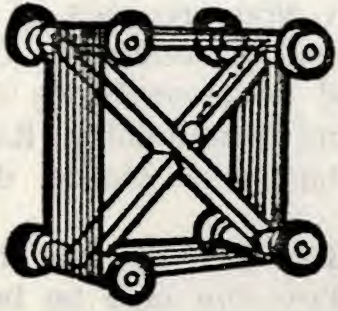
EX-SOUND RADIO 105.2MHz: No mailing address heard.

This station was noted from about 9am on Friday night, but with most of the DJ on air at the same time, with the inevitable consequence. They were announcing a phone-in, but record requests were heard later. The schedule was announced as 10pm-11pm Dave Jackson; and 11pm-12midnight or so, Dan Holly (sorry, that should have been the other way round) but when checked at 11:55pm, the station had already closed down. They were back on the air on Saturday, when they were noted from 9:52pm. The main DJ seems to have been Jay Kelly, who said that they don't have any definite schedule. Further details of this broadcast weren't noted.

CONCERT RADIO 104.4MHz: 18, Glyne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6PZ.

The transmitter tone was noted from 6:40pm and programming commenced at 7pm. The announced schedule was:- 7pm-9:30pm Tom Webb and 9:30pm-12midnight Jim Lowe. At 11:25pm they broadcast a "live" phone-in with Dave Collins and Tony West of Radio Julie. Also heard was an announcement that they were trying to arrange a link-up with WTH, but the results of this weren't noted. They were still on the air at 12:30am, but apparently with continuous music. Close-down time wasn't noted

In their free radio news section, they mentioned hearing RADIO X on 138.6kHz on Sunday morning. The operator was Mark Evans, an ex-Central Radio DJ.



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WEEKLY REPORT.

No. 113.....29th June 1986.

We nearly failed to make it this week due to a major fault with the printing machine. However, at the last minute, it decided we hadn't treated it that badly after all and proceeded to work. Lots of news as usual this week, together with a couple of features should ensure a packed edition once more. Just a quick point before we start.....**NEW MERCHANDISE** means..... we have it in stock here, **NEW ARRIVALS...** means it is now available, we have been sent a copy to review, **BUT** we do not stock it. The address and cost of purchasing same is included along with each item in this category. All goods available from P.O. Box 539 can be paid for together(ie. with one cheque/P.O.). It is not necessary to send separate payment for, say, Offshore Echo's, <TX>, Free Radio Waves. Make cheques payable to B.F. Johnston please.

THE CUTTINGS CLUB. Due to the uncertainty of printing facilities this week, we have reduced the cuttings sheets to just one, but what a super one! Virtually the whole front page and page two of the Southern edition of the Daily Star, and the opinion column on page eight, covers the court case arising from the Star reporter's trip out to Radio Laser in mid August of last year(see Cuttings 68), when they were reported to the DPP for allegedly giving the D.J.'s and crew gifts etc. All these items have been reduced and re-printed on a B4 sheet, along with a couple of smaller items about a pirate in Scunthorpe and about Radio Avalon from the Glastonbury Pop Festival last weekend. This single sheet is a must for all Laser/Offshore fans if they missed getting the newspaper. Price is just 10p plus an SAE, or 30p if no SAE sent. Some items of lesser importance have been held over, but will be re-printed next week, or when space is available. These include items from the Irish press about the shelving of plans to licence the pirates there, the story of the missing Sport Aid money in Killarney and some bits and pieces about RTE. All will definitely be available shortly. Subscribers to Weekly Report can join the Cuttings Club and receive all the week's cuttings, along with the report, irrespective of number of sheets produced, sometimes, as many as six in a week. Simply send £5.00 and this will cover cuttings for one whole year. Back copies can still be supplied at the price listed right here each week, but at the moment, we will back-date "CC" subscriptions if required, but only as far back as Issue 83. Our thanks to everyone who sent cuttings this week, particularly the Star cuttings, as the Northern edition did not seem to cover the story of the Laser court case.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Back in stock, once again, **Monique T - shirts**, mostly extra large, priced at £5.00 each, **Radio Veronica stickers**, at 25p each, or 5 for £1.00. **OFFSHORE ECHO'S Issue 61** duly arrived this week and must rate as one of the best issues yet. All the usual coverage for the offshore stations and more, interviews etc., and a special feature on the Voice of Peace radio ship, with recent new photographs, all re-produced in excellent black and white quality. Price is £1.80, but you can subscribe for a year(5 issues) at the reduced price of £8.50.

NEW ARRIVALS. Plenty of these this week. First off, **Now Radio Newsletter** (see separate hand-out within this report), **Offshore PrintOut Issue No.6/Vol.3...20p** plus a largish SAE will get this one. It may be an idea to order in advance, as recent editions have run out quite quickly. The magazine is very regular and appears on about the 21st of each month. A slight change of address also....Offshore PrintOut, c/o 9 Ronden Close, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 9XW. The offshore scene is covered very well here, and of course, the news is up to date. **Radiotelex Issue 76**, published fortnightly, we can supply a sample copy here for 40p, and with it you will receive a form detailing subscriptions. All the short wave news and logs, in detail. **CM Bulletin Issue 29** dated May '86 is out, specialising in

offshore, details, see sticker below.

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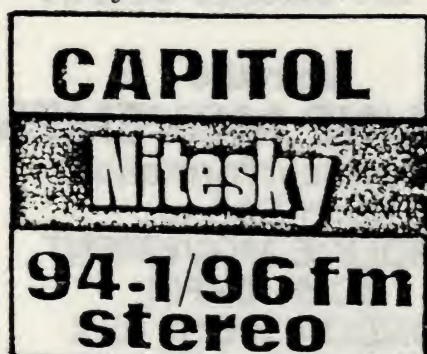
Free Radio Fanzine Issue 3/86 has arrived. Available from Postfach 1214, D - 6380 Bad Homburg, West Germany. All in German and covering free radio, and more, across Europe, 40 pages, A5. Send IRC's for details. **Play-DX Issue 421** from Dario Monferini, Via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy. Enclose IRC's for details. Mostly in Italian, good logs though. **CLCG Magazin Number 6/86.** 11 x A4 pages all in German, details from CLCG, Postfach 540101, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany. **New Zealand Radio Station Recordings** from David Miller, 55 Falcon Street, Dunedin, New Zealand. A little A5 photocopied booklet listing some interesting recordings from down under. David wants to exchange these for recordings from this country. Send for his little booklet, telling him what kind of recordings you have. Enclose some IRC's, due to the high cost of Airmail postage, or a British Postal Order(these are accepted in N.Z.).

CONTACTS GALORE. Reiner Palma, Postfach 433, D - 2980 Norden, West Germany wishes to get into contact with guys from the London area who would be able to make some recordings of London pirates. He will exchange recordings if required. Stephen Machin and Carol Plant of 45 Castledyke West, Barton-on-Humber, South Humberside, DN18 5AR wonder if there are any more Caroline fans in their area. So far, three of them have got together and would be interested to hear from any others who would like to join them. Steven Scott, 83 Conington Crescent, Chingford, London E4 6LA would like some new contacts in Ireland, possibly Dublin, with view to exchanging Irish pirate tapes for tapes of Laser, Caroline, London pirates(which he can receive). Roger Letts, you can write to him c/o ourselves, would dearly like to buy a copy of Simon Barrett's "Ten Days In The Life Of a Lady". Finally, we have still to hear from anyone with an Essex or Kent recorded tape of "Radio Anorak 558" with Simon Barrett on 3rd May 1986.

GENERAL CHAT. It has been a pretty disastrous week on medium wave, with violent storms reported(and still going on) in Ireland, silencing most radio stations, including RTE at times, in fact, as this is written on Sunday morning, Energy has just been hit, and vanished, and Radio West has just returned after an hour off the air. FM was unaffected, but the Free Radio programme would only be heard locally, except for the final fifteen minutes. This has been the story all week, with stations missing for quite lengthy spells. Listening generally on medium wave has been rather unpleasant, with 'zappers' every few seconds. Shortwave has not fared much better and poor logs will be expected today. FM, of course, is unaffected and is the only mode worth listening to, hence, as promised, we shall feature this week "VHF DX-ing...a beginners guide" by Dave Small later in the report.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND. Today, we are grouping the stations in towns rather than by names, as reports are a bit general, we find. Nevertheless, we do have plenty of news. A quick call from Ireland, only minutes ago(Sunday lunchtime) tells us that many stations are off the air, due to the storms there, including some(not all) transmitters belonging to Sunshine, Kiss, RTE, NWCR and Q 102.

DUBLIN. Plenty of minor action in this city this week, with **ENERGY 103** first off, giving an airing to their brand new custom-made Dallas jingle package and presenters I.D.'s, and very good they are too. Only other news on this station, apart from commenting on the great number of adverts heard, is that Richard Jackson is taking a break and his early evening spot is being covered by John O'Hara.



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NITESKY 96 IS ON THE WAY!

We are proud to announce that NITESKY 96 will be covering the CAPITOL from 6 pm on Tuesday July the first 1986. To celebrate the launch of NITESKY 96, we are giving away lots of super prizes including a fabulous hi fi rack system on the night.

NITESKY 96 will compliment CAPITOL RADIO's alternative format at night, with an even greater emphasis on album and alternative music. Our audience research has identified the need for specialist music programmes at night. NITESKY 96 will offer specialist programmes reggae, rock, album and Irish music. NITESKY 96 will also offer discussion, news, competitions and features.

Tune into NITESKY 96 stereo from Tuesday July 1st at 6pm.

two think that they had received CBC in Clonmel, when in actual fact it was the festival station who are part of the Community Broadcasting Co-operative, announcing CBC. Last Sunday, Radio Galaxy was relayed on Donnybrook C.R. with Tony Boylan's '78' Show. Dundrum Community Radio, like Community Radio Sandymount, has now closed down for another year.

LIBERTIES LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO has been received on 107.1mhz in Dungannon. They can also be heard on 1035khz AM. Also logged locally.....Zodiac, County Sounds, Christian Community Radio(each evening on 90.2mhz., from 18.00 till 18.30), Radio Caroline Dublin, W.L.R./Wonderland Local Radio(possibly the same station), Music 105, North Dublin Community Radio(back on 1008khz.)

KILDARE. No further news from here, apart from the fact that ZEE 104 are poised to hit the airwaves.

LIMERICK. Several reports at hand, tell us that in and around this city, CITY CENTRE RADIO, RADIO LUIMNI and MUNSTER BROADCASTING CORPORATION, the latter on three FM frequencies, are all on air. Several rumours persist and two of them mention a new station about to start in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary(a station called Radio Ormond was the last one we heard from this town), and the return of the famous Radio Big 'L' in Limerick.

BANDON, Co. CORK. WKLR, reported as possibly being received in Dungannon recently, on 100.5mhz., has now been received in Youghal, Co. Cork, actually on 100.5mhz.

YOUGHAL, Co. CORK. Correspondent Colum paid a visit to the South Coast last week and visited COMMUNITY RADIO YOUGHAL above the Clock Tower Pub in South Main Street. He found the FM link transmitter situated at the studio site, putting out a mere 4 watts on 99.2mhz., but linking to the 'bread and butter' AM transmitter up on the hill top, alongside the town. This is a 500 watt, 1941 vintage, commercial rig, operating on 250 watts, into an East/West inverted 'L' antenna. The audio is compressed and filtered at this end, hence the FM does occasionally go over-mod. At 11.30 each morning, CRY announce....'You're tuned to Community Radio Youghal, 202m. medium wave, 1485khz., to Youghal town and surrounding area. We are also on 99.2mhz. on the VHF band, to Youghal town only'. The station is actually on 1503khz. and not 1485khz. for this reason....The station started on 4th June 1979 after the RTE mobile community station had left the town. They were on 1485khz. and CRY was formed to carry on where RTE left off, with the same hours, 11.30 till 15.30 and 16.30 till 18.30. These hours were extended two years ago, to fill in the gap in the afternoon. CRY were initially on 1485khz., but when RTE returned from time to time to neighbouring towns, on the same frequency, they were forced to move and went on to 1512khz., moving back to 1485khz. when RTE left the area. The station did at one stage at this time, have a night-time spell of broadcasting which was often received here in Blackpool, on 1512khz. Mid-night till 02.00 springs back in mind. However, the station decided to move once and for all, and went to 1503khz., 1512khz. being bad in Winter. WKLR then appeared on this channel causing still more problems, but they are now off the air, broken down, we understand, but should they return, CRY may have to consider moving back to 1485khz. once again. The night-time broadcasts have ceased now. The frequency change for night-time broadcasting was carried out by crystal switching. The station's studios may well have to move soon, as the pub, in which they are situated, is up for sale. Thanks to Colum for gathering that info from Noel, Barry, Brian and Eughe, and thanks to them also.

A Radio Neptune was briefly heard in Youghal on 88.2mhz. recently.

DUNGARVAN. Dungarvan Community Radio, despite threats of closing down, is apparently still on the air, on 99mhz.FM. Also in that town can be found an ABC Radio relay on 88.4mhz.

CORK. Radio ERI is still off the air despite what anyone else may say. They threaten to return and we feel sure they will, but as for coming back with a new name, well, that may not be a wise move, but it may well be rumour. Meanwhile, WBEN flourishes with a sudden abundance of adverts, which is not surprising, on 1386khz AM and 98.2mhz.FM with a heavily compressed signal. Also noted in the city, LEESIDE SOUND on 101.5mhz., with an address of 55 Grand Parade, Cork, SUNSHINE on 96mhz FM and SOUTH COAST RADIO on 102.3mhz FM.

CLONMEL. CENTRE RADIO was found on 1251khz. AM and 88 and 101mhz FM with news at five minutes before the hour, day and night and 24 hour operation.

Festival stations noted this week have been Glasnevin North Community Radio on 1512khz. and 97.5mhz., with a good signal in Blackpool(on 1512), and Donnybrook Community Radio on 1530khz. and 98.4mhz. The former station was heard to mention CBC on AM and FM, which made one or

WICKLOW. WLCB is back! Heard on 1584khz., with a superb signal in the week, in fact, since last Monday, although they seemed to be having problems this morning.

CAVAN Cavan Community Radio, recently mentioned as announcing being on AM and FM, are definitely only on AM, 819khz. Weekday line-up reads....08.00 Daffy Don Allen. 11.00 Tony Brady. 15.30 Paul Cox. 17.30 Owen McConnen. 19.00 Specialist(Mon. Wed. and Friday....The Don Allen Country and Western Jamboree). 22.00 Sean McManus. 00.00 Close/continuous music.

LONGFORD Longford Community Radio is putting out a signal, nothing short of excellent at present, on 1071khz. This is obviously paying dividends, as adverts are being noted from about six counties around.

Finally, a few odds and ends....City Sound Radio in Derry were mentioned as being on 1600khz., last Monday???...Last Friday saw Hometown Radio off AM, and Carousel on 100.7mhz.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. They finally managed to get the station back on the air, last weekend. But further problems were to follow, this time with the FM transmitter, which packed up a couple of days ago. Although AM is alright, they do hope to get the FM back on course later today. A new engineer is already out there and he is to be joined by another next week, along with several new presenters, to replace the lads who have completed their contract.

THE COMMUNICATOR. Not much to report, although a rumour was heard, saying the ship was moving and Charlie Wolf was on board. We understood that Charlie was doing some work for Mercury. Anybody know any more on this?

STEREO HITS. We are in the dark here, but CM Bulletin carried eight pages on the subject, and Now Radio Newsletter has an interview with Paul Rusling, who confirms that the ship never went to North Africa at all. Both publications are worth checking out. Details of how to get them can be found elsewhere in this report.

RADIO CAROLINE. The week started with the station still being short-staffed and operating with reduced hours. Monday's line-up read....06.00 Dave Andrews. 09.00 John Dwyar. 13.00 Peter Philips. 17.00 John Dwyar. 19.00 Peter Philips. 21.00 Continuous music with Ian Akers. 24.00 Close-down. The 06.00 till 17.00 line-up remained the same all week, with the exception of Tuesday and Wednesday, when Peter Philips and Dave Andrews changed shows. The 17.00 to 21.00 slot, as last week, consisted of two two hour shows being shared by the three day-time presenters. On Tuesday, Mark Matthews made a surprise appearance at 17.00, from exile on 963khz. True to form, he immediately resurrected the Dutch lessons and that day's was...."What are you doing on 558?" Mark also told us how the news reader, Pat Danton(who is Australian, after all), had spruced up the news-room by replacing the old curtains with red velvet ones! He said he had also put brown suede wall paper on the walls and installed a candelabra! He apparently reads the news dressed in a dinner suit, and with white gloves. At 18.00, the candles were lit, live on air, but due to the financial difficulties at the New York office, could only be lit whilst Pat was actually reading the news, and had to be blown out straight afterwards. Mark also did shows on Thursday and Saturday, at the same times. Saturday morning saw visits by some Dutch Anoraks and following Dave Andrews' statement that he could not go on and wanted a replacement, the weather at 08.30 was read by Dutch girl called Mario, but pronounced Moya). Dave then finished his show and has not been heard here since. During the John Dwyar show, the studio could be heard packed with people and at 11.00 one of the Dutch visitors read out some requests.

A competition has been aired all week to win one of six copies of an L.P. of World Cup Football Music. The question was....in not more than twenty words, complete the following sentence....I watched the World Cup, instead of listening to Radio Caroline, because.....

Another promotion for a Budweiser League American Football match at Essex University for today was aired during the week.

On 963khz., Mark Matthews hosted every evening's "Overdrive" which was reduced to three hours again this week, due to the closing down at midnight. Several amusing change-overs from "Viewpoint 963" were noted at 21.00 with a 'rebel' Dutch D.J. causing all sorts of havoc with the studio equipment, such as carts going slow, and even backwards at times!

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. We have very little to report here this week. Radio Merseywaves was noted on Saturday, on 1242khz., but schedule seems very haphazard at present. Some lower power stations have been on the air and once again, we will re-print Tim Jackson's report from last week, as he has much more information than us at present. **NORTH WALES.** Radio Annabelle is still going strong on 92.4mhz. each Sunday, from 10.00 till 18.00 and Thursdays from 20.00 till 23.00. Martin 'C' of Storeton Community Radio was heard with a guest appearance last Sunday. He says that his station(SCR) will return, once they have sorted out a location.

THE MIDLANDS. PCRL is on the air today, on 103.6mhz., but do keep going missing from time to time, possibly due to raids. It is reported that in the window of the PCRL shop(the station owner's record shop), one can buy anti DTL posters and such like!

SCUNTHORPE. WLNG 105 was on the air on 19th June, it is reported, after a five month silence due to 'technical difficulties'. They promised a regular schedule this Summer, in that area, with non-stop pop.

THE SOUTH. Radio Sovereign on 105mhz., is active again with extended hours, from 08.00 till 20.00 along the South Coast. ABC Radio has moved to 105.3mhz. and is currently operating 19.00 till 22.30(both Sunday operations). The latter has received yet another report from 80 miles away(High Wycombe). Following close-down of ABC last Sunday, a Dutch pirate could be heard on the same channel, identifying itself as "Amateur Zender Kwik - Kwak" and giving out an address of Postbus 77, Raalte, Holland. Did anyone else log this one? It closed at 22.40. Conditions generally on FM have been good, and NRJ and RBL, along with many others, have been reported. No reports of London pirates at hand, but SSM tell us that last week, only TKO on 90.9 and KISS-FM on 95.3 were logged in the Surrey area. Radio Neptune in Herts. was raided recently by police and DTL, at 12.20, during the Johnnie Flux Oldies Show. The station was automated, and all the gear was taken. A receipt was pinned to a tree! Nevertheless, a gentleman, flying a model aeroplane nearby with his young son, was questioned, cautioned and despite denying all knowledge of what was going on, was told he may hear more about it! The actions of these people can best be described as desperate!

NEW ZEALAND. Mr Graham John Barclay, the operator of KIWI Radio was fined a total of NZ\$500 for using a home-made HF transmitter and maintaining a Pye Cambridge VHF/FM transmitter, in Hastings NZ. Radio inspectors had previously seized the transmitters, stereo, tapes and correspondence, but all, except the transmitter, were returned.(NZDX Times).

BRISTOL. Radio Avalon duly appeared for the Glastonbury Pop Festival, on 21, 22 and 23rd June. 1296khz., as always, was the frequency with 7 watts and 91.2mhz Fm with 30 watts. The reception locally was first class, we understand and they operated 24 hours per day.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS....TODAY'S LOG.

6206khz....RADIO SCORPIO, at 09.42gmt.

6230khz....RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, 10.15gmt.

6230khz....BRITAIN RADIO INT.(relayed by above), at 11.25.

6240khz....RADIO RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL, at 09.40gmt.

6258khz....SUPER CLAN RADIO, at 08.10gmt.

6266khz....RADIO ORION, at 09.20gmt.(with new address... 82b Edgewood Road, Rednal, Birmingham B45 8SG).

6275khz....UNID., at 08.45gmt.(French).

6275khz....FALCON RADIO, at 09.30gmt.

6280khz....WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL.

6300khz....RADIO BRIGITTE, at 07.25gmt.

6306khz....RIVERSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL.

7315khz....UNID., at 08.45gmt.(French).

7325khz....RADIO 101, at 08.05gmt.

7375khz....CRYSTAL RADIO.

We keep receiving reports of Caroline/Monique being heard live on SW, on 6235/6600/6800khz. Any ideas?

Podney's log for last week agrees with ours, but he goes on to tell us that on 1st June, UNID., on 6285khz. at 09.12gmt., was Gamma Radio, Postbus 81, 3450 AB Vleuten, Holland.

Radio California has a nice QSL card which can be obtained on verification of a correct reception report, from Radio California, Postfach 220342, D - 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany. The station operates via Radio Milano Int., once a month from 11.00 till 13.00 GMT, on 7295khz.

VHF DX'ING

A Beginners guide

VHF signals are usually fairly short range, but they can be received over long distances on occasions. The two main ways for this to happen is by Tropospheric or Sporadic E. First a look at tropo.

This provides signals from up to 800km approx, although the range is often shorter. You may hear more distant local stations, Ireland is a favourite, so is France and Belgium, with Holland, Germany and Denmark being more rare.

Watch the weather on TV for continuous high pressure areas over the UK and Europe. It doesn't always provide DX, but it's often so. A temperature inversion will also give tropo reception. This is when there is a rapid change of temperature in the upper atmosphere. Watch out for announcements of interference to TV reception.

Tropo can occur at any time of the year. Signal strengths are usually quite low, so a good outdoor antenna will help a lot. FM radio and UHF TV benefits most from tropo.

Sporadic E is quite unpredictable! It comes mostly during May, June, July and August. Experts tell us there is no link with terrestrial weather, although many DXers disagree.

The sporadic E cloud has special properties which reflect VHF signals back to earth, and reception is possible from all over Europe and sometimes North Africa. It mostly occurs during daylight hours. Signal strengths are often very high, and perfect stereo is possible. Unfortunately, unlike tropo where reception is possible for hours on end, sporadic E signals fade in and out often in seconds, making identification quite a challenge.

Sporadic E can be received approx from 27 up to 145 MHz. The lower the frequency, the more common is the reception.

Band 1 TV signals are easily received in this way, and if signals are strong, that's the time to try the FM radio. The band may be crowded with signals from Spain, or Italy etc.

Now a few words about equipment. FM radio is easy, any reasonable receiver even with it's telescopic antenna will pull in the stronger signals. I use a stereo tuner with outdoor antenna, but have heard lots on my car radio! When receiving by tropo, a good antenna is essential, and this will also help with sporadic E signals. A rotator is also useful.

TV DX takes a little explaining. A TV with band one is needed. The old dual standard sets were ideal, but they are rare now. So look for a set with channels 2 to 12 (VHF band one and three). Channels 2 to 4 are used in Western Europe, but NOT in the UK. Band one is common on many portable sets, as they are made for travellers to Europe. Eastern Europe uses channels R1,2,3 etc, and these are found between the Western channels, so your set will tune them also. You may not get any sound, as sound powers are only 10% of vision powers, and sound /vision spacing is different in some countries.

An outdoor antenna helps. The old X or H type that we used to use in the good old days of black & white TV is ideal, but you can buy band one antennas from some antenna specialists.

Again signals can last for hours, or can quickly fade out. Most DXers leave their sets on, tuned to channel 2 or 3, until something comes through, this tells us when to try the FM radio as mentioned earlier.

I have omitted a lot of information from this article, but I hope it helps to create interest in this form of DX'ing.

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 22nd June 1985

Not much at all has been heard this week.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. This station might possibly have closed down. They were heard on Monday, when the line-up noted was:- 9am-11am Peter Thomas; 11am-1pm Harry Noble; 1pm-3pm DJC; 3pm-5pm Alan Bates; 5pm-7pm Jeff Starr; 7pm-9pm KIC; 9pm-11pm Mark Burgess; 11pm-1am Mark Newman; 1am-3am Peter Thomas.

They failed to appear on Friday and weren't heard over the weekend

RADIO JULIE 104.8MHz: 15 Pitch Clove, The Crofters, Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside L49 2RP. This station was on the air on Monday from approximately 8pm. The signal was intermittent at first with announcements that it was a "test transmission" but settled down to be an "outside broadcast", with Andy Davies in the studio and Dave Collins/Tony West in the "radio van". When checked later, the station had settled down to "studio programmes" with Dave Collins. The latter was still in the "hot seat" at 12:16am last check. They were next noted at 8:35pm on Friday with Dave Collins till 10pm and Joe Williams to midnight. Any later programming wasn't heard. On Saturday they were noted from 7:45pm with:-

7:45pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams; Midnight-2am Wayne George and 2am-4am Tony West (announced but not heard). On Sunday they apparently opened at 6pm with "CAROL" till 7pm. Andy Davies took over at 7pm but seems to have made "on air" adjustments and the signal was very intermittent around 7:30pm. They were back to normal by 8pm, but seem to have moved frequency downwards a little. Heard were 8pm-10pm Dave Collins and 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams. Later programming wasn't noted. The station now say that their Fri/Sat/Sun line-up will be 5pm-7pm Wayne George; 7pm-8pm Andy Davies; 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams; Midnight-2am Tony West. On Saturdays they intend to open at 3pm, but the name of the 3pm-5pm DJ wasn't noted.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.4MHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

This station opened at 8pm and heard were: 8pm-9:30pm Tom Webb and 9:30pm-Midnight Jim Lowe. Programming after 10:30pm wasn't noted. Around 9:30pm they held a live phone-in and put out their local free radio news, featuring a tape of K-SOUND.

ANFIELD COMMUNITY RADIO 1386kHz: 111 Pinehurst Avenue, Anfield, Liverpool L4 7UG

Thanks to a tip-off from Jim Browne, a very weak signal was heard on 1386kHz from approximately 4:42pm on Sunday. The barely readable signal was that of Anfield Community Radio, who are announcing their schedule as Sundays only, with Noon-3pm Mark Evans; 3pm-4pm John Sanderson; 4pm-6pm close-down Mark Evans. The station closed down at 6:04pm and I believe that Jim Browne and Jeff Thompson, both of Central Radio, did a guest appearance on ACR sometime during the afternoon

CENTRAL RADIO 1404kHz & 103.8: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

The carrier was noted on 1404kHz from approximately 4:25pm on Sunday, but it remained unmodulated and had disappeared a few minutes later. Jim Browne says that the FM transmitter was on the air on Saturday and also on Sunday morning, with the DJs talking to themselves, not knowing that a fault was preventing the signal from getting out. Concept Radio merely reported that Central Radio were off the air due to technical problems.

Although **RADIO VERONICA** are usually reported on 104.7MHz by those fortunate enough to be able to hear them, I am told this week that they are also using 1017kHz. Concept Radio said that Radio Veronica were on the air on Sunday afternoon, but they were not noted here.

This weekend, Radio Concept's signal was much poorer than normal and was getting quite a lot of splatter from Radio Julie, who are reported to be using much higher power this week.

Finally, thanks this week to everyone, for cuttings, report(Tim), news and information, including Colum, Siobhan, Nick, Steve, Podney, Stuart, Garry, Simon, David(NZ), SSM, Ian, Trevor, Les, Sean, John, Joe and Jane, Chris and Phyllis and all the others we forgot to mention.

Finally, a quick mention about the disgraceful carry-on with regard to the CR situation. It now appears that the Government are about to shelve the whole thing. An announcement is to be made in Parliament next week, before the Summer recess.

Really finally, NDxE, featured in Media Network in the week, as being all pie in the sky and without any foundation, sent a nice T-shirt we had sent for a couple of weeks back, along with a letter and stickers etc. Whether we shall ever hear the station remains to be seen.